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MONTEVIDEO, DECEMBER 21, 1906.

AN EX-PRESIDENT.

A few days ago there died Sr. Pedro Varela, an ex-President of this Republic. This man, after holding various important posts, in the year 1877 attained to the highest office which this country can confer on any of its citizens, namely, the Presidency. He was also, at that time, a man of considerable wealth, acquired partly in commerce and partly in politics. He has just died, in extreme poverty and in complete obscurity, at the age of 74. His death attracted so little attention that not one of the native papers gave it more than a passing reference of a few lines; not one, even for the sake of general information, gave him any biographical notice or recalled the part he played in public affairs; not the least official notice was taken of his death; a motion that the Chamber should suspend its sitting as a mark of respect, if not to him personally at least to the office he had once held, was angrily controverted and a vote was avoided by a count-out; and finally his funeral took place without the least public notice, and was only attended, outside his own relatives, by a handful of political men of the old school who had been personally associated with him. In short it may be said that he died and was buried, as he had passed the latter years of his life, in neglect and obscurity.

In defence of this, it will possibly be said—we do not pretend to know with what degree of truth—that, although he was not devoid of good personal qualities, he was a bad and unhappy President whose errors of government brought trouble and civil war upon the country; in other words, that his official career was such as only to merit oblivion. This may be true enough, but at the same time, it is impossible to avoid recalling that, frequently and in very recent years, we have seen a diametrically opposite course pursued with men against whom similar faults or errors may be alleged, and perhaps with greater truth. We have seen elaborate official honors ordained, exaggerated eulogistic obituary notices published, grants and pensions voted, and other high attentions paid, in the case of men who have attained far less eminence than did Sr. Varela, who certainly never developed any remarkable high qualities, whose situation in public affairs was neither successful nor beneficial from the public point of view, and whose public character was perhaps just as far from being enviable as that of Sr. Varela. We have even seen these attentions bestowed in the case of complete obscurity, whose only claim to notice was that they had sat for a few years in one of the Chambers as nominees of the official party, without ever having been known to express an independent opinion of their own. In the case of these men, however, they have died whilst still in office, or still in favor with the official party, and that seems to have made all the difference. Perhaps if they had survived a few years longer, and fallen "out of the swim," their death would have passed with as little notice as that of Sr. Varela.

All this lends itself to a certain amount of moralising. Although it is far beyond our memory of Uruguayan affairs, we have not the least doubt that when Sr. Varela was President of the Republic, he had his admirers and his supporters, his official circle in and out of the Chambers, his official organs ready to defend his policy and acts through thick and thin and to abuse or insult those who differed from it, and his partisan army ready to slay their countrymen in a partisan quarrel without waiting to enquire which side was right or wrong, just as much as any President of yesterday or to day. The methods of officialism are perhaps less violent than they once were, but we have no reason to believe that the

apparatus of officialism has undergone much change. For the matter of that the race of court flatterers and of conscienceless soldiers dates back to the dawn of history, and Uruguay can boast no monopoly of either. From all time there have been those ready to bend their backs, mould their tongues or their pens, or draw their swords, at the bidding of the man in office, of the man who holds the distribution of the shekels and the public offices, whether he be saint or devil. Varela had his admirers and his sycophants in his time, so has had every successive President of the Republic, so has President Balle, so we expect, will have every future President—they are a perpetual attachment of the office, and their existence has no relation whatever to the merits of the holder. Yet, after all, what is it all worth? Something, possibly, at the time being; but, a few years after, nothing whatever. All the adulation, all the sycophancy, all the crawling, has not prevented history and posterity from passing an adverse verdict on Sr. Varela, nor saved him from neglect and obscurity at his death. Possibly some of the very men who bent their spines before him when he was in office, scarcely lifted their heads when his funeral passed them in the streets a few days ago. We ourselves can remember the adulation, the sycophancy, the falsehoods and mystifications of the official press and of venal journalists and correspondents during the period of Santos, Herrera and Borda—what is it all worth to-day? Absolutely nothing, for an indelible black mark is already set against the name of each in the history of the country. In their cases a very few years has sufficed to clear away the false appearances raised by officialism; and even those who once bowed before them would hardly venture to defend them now.

All this, as we have said, points a moral. If it is necessary to put that moral into exact words, we would phrase it as follows:—that adulation is inseparable from government, but not the least proof of its merit. A short time hence and we will be able to apply this to the present Government, and we will then be able to see more clearly if it is all that its present adulators pretend it to be.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

MONTEVIDEO.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1906.

Saints Thomas, Glycerius, John and Severinus.—Ember Day.—355 days past, 10 to the end of the year.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Neither of the Chambers sat on Wednesday. It was the turn of the Senators, but they were not even convened. We still hear nothing of the Budget in this Chamber, nor has the Report yet reached publicity. As it only lacks a few days to the end of the year, the probability of the sanction of the Budget being completed by then is exceedingly small.

A contemporary announces that the Finance Committee of the Representatives has now commenced study of the Alcohol Monopoly Bill, and in the first sitting approved the first twelve Articles. From this it may be inferred that the Committee—or at all events the majority thereof—accepts the principle of the Bill, that is to say the creation of a State Monopoly in the manufacture and sale of alcohol. At the same time yesterday's *Dia*, in its second article on the subject, plainly expresses its approval of the idea, though the arguments of the day, in favor of both feeble and specious. These are unfavorable signs, and it is now to be feared that the Government—unless there is a reaction in the Chambers—will inflict on the country this measure which, as we said when it was first proposed some three years ago, is dangerous, objectionable and anti-progressive in the highest degree; and which has long ago been condemned by public opinion.

Yesterday's *Dia* announces that, in view of the scarcity of money in the market (a scarcity of European origin) the Government has authorized the Bank of the Republic to apply to purposes of discount the million of dollars which the Bank holds at the disposal of the Government. It is hoped that this will give some relief in the money market, and perhaps help to lower the present high rate of discount.

An American Professor on English Education.

Professor Earl Barnes, an American educationist, lectured in Harrow School hall in aid of the funds of the Guild of the Brave Poor Things. The Headmaster of Harrow presided and introduced the lecturer. Professor Barnes said that since 1870 England had created a compulsory form of education (an education of the mind for utilitarian purposes) which was the greatest educational change known in history. But behind and around this system was one a thousand years old, born of the soul of the people. America had but one system, and it was born of ideas. The principal line of cleavage between English and American educationism was caste, and although the caste system had the value of producing a fine flower at the top, Americans had what they considered the more solid value of a splendid mediocrity. He was impressed with the fine flower of

education, but democracy was always afraid of geniuses and looked upon them with suspicion. A second line of cleavage was religion. In America State education had been secularized to a degree, and in the State schools of the Union one would not be permitted to make reference to the Bible, even to a class on comparative literature. Family considerations doubtless had their effect on English methods, and even at Harrow he was told the parents kept a very sharp eye on their children. That, he thought, was splendid in its way, but from a psychologist's point of view the parent was less intelligent about his own child than about other children; and just as a highly skilled medical man would not think of treating his own wife and child, so should the parent, psychologically speaking, leave the education of his own children to those who were more expert, because less deeply stirred, in their emotions than he. The subject matter of education in the two countries was different. Manners and morals dominated here, but in America mental exercises took first place. English educational work was intellectually slow, while American was quick, sharp, and insistent. At America's best she produced a Roosevelt; at her worst a skilful swindler; England's best would be a Lord Shaftesbury or a Lord Kitchener, while her worst would probably be a comfortable clubman. Discipline, again, provided a point of difference. In England they cultivated the will, while in America they cultivated the feelings. In conclusion, the lecturer, looking round at the magnificent school hall, so rich in proud memories, said there was no computing the value of such a room to the people of America if only it were possible to make it organically related to the life of her people, but they, alas, had no such historic associations. The Headmaster, in proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer, said he could not agree with all his remarks and with all his deductions. As to the interference of parents with teachers he could quite agree. A boy could be managed easily, masters were fairly easy to manage, but parents were frankly impossible. As to the school hall, it was his pride to remember that it was organically connected with the life of the great American nation. From that room and similar rooms they had sent out the men who founded the nation, and it was probable even that some of the Pilgrim Fathers were educated in that very hall.

The Administration of San Francisco.

Under date November 23, the New York Correspondent of the Times writes as follows:—

Mr. Eugene Schmitz, mayor of San Francisco, was met by detectives on his arrival here to-day from Europe on board the *Patricia* and was informed that if he would agree to waive extradition and proceed at once with the detectives to California he would not be formally arrested until he arrived home.

Mr. Schmitz and "Abe" Ruef, a San Francisco "boss," have been indicted by a grand jury on charges of extortion. The specific charge against the mayor is that he extorted sums of money ranging from \$1,000 (£200) to \$1,500 (£300) from various saloon keepers on threats of taking their licences away from them.

This, however, is among the least of the accusations which are being openly made against the present administration of San Francisco. If one quarter of what is being printed in the newspapers throughout the United States be true, the state of things at San Francisco is worse than ever before existed in any municipality in America, worse even than the conditions under the Tweed ring in New York. The officials at San Francisco are all Labor Unionists chosen by the astute Ruef, who saw before the last election that the Labor Union ticket had the best chance of success. Mr. Schmitz a couple of years ago was a player in an orchestra at a salary of \$40 (£8) a week, and other high officials came from the most illiterate classes. Men who were ordinary laborers and who were elected by Mr. Schmitz are now spending money like water. Mr. Schmitz himself is said to be worth \$3,000,000 (£600,000).

One of the charges against the administration is that it owns an unspeakable den known as the Municipal Club. Hundreds of girls use this place, other San Francisco dens having been driven out of the business in order to destroy competition with it. It cost \$20,000 (£4,000) to build and the profit is in one year are said to have been \$500,000 (£100,000).

As for the Labour Union, they have the city by the throat. After solemnly promising after the earthquake and the fire not to raise the price of labour, they are extorting every possible penny from the unfortunate owners of property, and wages are now more than 50 per cent. higher than they were before the disaster. Strikes are declared on the flimsiest excuses, and in every case the men win.

San Francisco is full of desperadoes who are continually robbing and murdering. The best hotels inform their customers that it is unsafe to go about the streets at night, and should a guest find it absolutely necessary to do so the hotel provides him with an armed guard.

Whether the city can be rebuilt under these conditions is problematical. The better class inhabitants are alive to the peril, and there is talk of forming a great vigilance committee in order to rid

the city alike of "grifters" and things. It is realized that desperate measures are necessary. After the earthquake the best in San Francisco manifested itself; human nature was shown at its best. The very men who are now accused of the meanest and most despicable crimes worked untiringly and enthusiastically to relieve the distress.

Science Brevities.

The discovery that the centre of a cake of artificial ice is generally opaque, while the part first frozen—the outside—is generally clear, has been made by Sacerdote, as reported in *La Presse Médicale*. Says *The Medical Record*, in an abstract: "As the water freezes slowly, all the impurities are pushed away from the part first freezing. Whatever the character of the water which is frozen, that obtained by melting the outer, clear parts is almost perfectly pure, while the central, opaque parts contain the impurities. Bacteria do not escape this law but will be found centrally congregated."

"If you could keep the frost away from a tomato-vine for a couple of years it would get to be a fair-sized tree," says *The Texas Farmer*. "This occurs sometimes in Florida—in year when the Frost King leaves that State alone. By the same sign, you can plant tomatoes in the winter in Florida and have them grow all the spring and summer and fall, and under the right conditions they become very large. The midrib of the leaf of such a tomato plant will grow to be eighteen inches long, a veritable tree limb. . . Six feet is the height to which the tomatoes should be trained, and pruned to a single stem. They can be made to grow ten or fifteen feet as well, but this is an inconvenient height."

"In Algeria," says *The Spatula*, "the cultivation of 'vegetable sponges' is now making progress. The cultivation of this plant (of which about ten species are known and cultivated in the warm regions of Asia and Africa) is fairly extensive in the environs of Algiers and Oran. Prior to maturity the fruit is edible; when the stage of ripeness has been passed, however, the pulp becomes separated from the fibrous mass termed the 'vegetable sponge.' Fine specimens, when carefully bleached in a weak lime bath, are sold at from 1 1/2 to 4 1/2 pence (7 to 9 cents) apiece. Paris is at present chief market for most of the vegetable sponges grown in Algeria. They are highly suitable not only for toilet and bathroom, but also for domestic purposes."

End of the Soap Combination.

London, Nov. 24.

A meeting of the soap manufacturing firms interested in the amalgamation recently formed was held yesterday in Liverpool, and at the conclusion the following communication was made:— "The working arrangement entered into between the leading soapmakers of the United Kingdom has been received with so great disfavour with the trade and the public as to make it unworkable, and as it is clearly the first consideration to endeavour to satisfy the trade and the public it has been decided to terminate the working arrangement from to-day, November 23. Each firm will, therefore, continue to conduct from this day its own business as was done prior to the negotiations being entered upon and entirely separate from each other. The working arrangement between the leading soapmakers is now, therefore, absolutely and finally dissolved."

The Methodist Church in the River Plate.

The annual report, comprising statistical data of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay, recently forwarded to the home authorities of that church, shows the following items:— Foreign missionaries: Men 9, women 9; Women's Foreign Missionary Society workers, 6; native workers, W. F. M. S., 20; native ordained preachers, 25; native unordained preachers, 41; native teachers, 45; foreign teachers, 8; other helpers, 64; members, 2,946; probationers, 1,652; adherents, 10,600; adults baptised, 50; children baptised, 605; total under instruction in day schools, 2,207; number of schools 21; number of Sunday Schools, 75; Sunday scholars, 5,036; churches and chapels, 38; value, \$386,500 gold; places of worship rented, 57; parsonages, 15; value, \$92,550 gold; value of orphanages, schools, and printing press, \$76,750 gold; property W. F. M. S., \$82,000 gold; debts on property, \$16,407 gold; paid on debts, \$330 gold; missionary collections, \$1,308 gold; other benevolence, \$2,184 gold; self support, \$24,941 gold; collected for church building and repairing, \$16,173 gold; for other local purposes, \$24,437 gold; total income from local, \$69,423 gold.

SUNDRIES.

WEATHER.—Three successive thunderstorms at brief intervals, with some torrential rain, occurred on Wednesday evening, followed by a variable day yesterday. Symptoms still unsettled. Violent storms are reported from the north and west of the Republic, accompanied by some damage to buildings and crops. Telegraphic communication with the north is partially interrupted.

URUQUA THEATRE.—The noise of the rain on the zinc roof about 9 p.m. on Wednesday was so great that

the performance had to be temporarily suspended, as it was practically impossible to hear the actors. Some of the rain penetrated to the auditorium. This points to defects of construction that ought to be remedied. Despite this interruption, a very acceptable and amusing performance of "Santarella" was given to a fairly large audience. No performance this evening. Tomorrow the comedy "La Trilogia di Dorina."

OFFICER DEAD.—The death occurred on Wednesday, after a prolonged illness, of Col. Rafael Enaquin, senior adjutant of the Ministry of War. The funeral took place yesterday with military honors.

REGATTA.—The program is now complete for the Regatta which the Montevideo Rowing Club will hold in the bay on Sunday, for the benefit of the Anti-Tuberculosis League. There are twelve events, with a sufficiency of entries for all, but we are sorry not to see a single English name among the competitors.

RAILWAY TROUBLES.—Prolonged conferences have been held between the Manager of the Central Uruguay Railway Company and the delegates of the workmen, relative to the demands recently made by the latter. The result is not yet known, but we understand that the men that several of their demands are materially impossible to grant, though the Company is willing to make concessions on certain points. It is hoped that a solution will be reached which will avert a strike, for at the present busy season of the year any suspension of traffic would be seriously prejudicial, not only to the Company, but to the whole country—though we do not suppose that that is a consideration which will have any weight with the men, who have only their own interests—and generally very short-sighted ones—in view.

THE "BOLEA".—At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held on Wednesday afternoon, it was unanimously resolved not to grant the increase in rent demanded by the proprietors of the "Bolea" or Stock Exchange building. In place of this it was decided to purchase the building for \$155,000 gold, payable partly in cash and partly in bonds. To this effect there will be an issue of debentures.

BERI-BERI.—The Norwegian bark "Johanne," from Nicaragua for Falkmouth, put into this port on Wednesday with the captain and entire crew (eleven men) suffering from beri-beri. One of the men had died from the disease on the 19th ultimo, and for twenty days the vessel was navigating with half the men attacked, and last week it spread to the rest. The vessel remains in quarantine off Flores Island, and the sufferers are being given every assistance.

BANK OF THE REPUBLIC.—The change in the management, mentioned yesterday, is fully confirmed, though the reasons are still a mystery. In addition to this, Sr. Pablo Mañé has resigned as President of the Bank. It is generally reported that he will be replaced by Sr. Serrato, ex-Minister of Finance.

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ITUZAINGO 130.

See Advertisement on 4th Page.

LONDON NOTES.

THURSDAY, NOV. 22.

In the House of Lords it was expected that the Committee stage of the Education Bill would have been finished yesterday; but a proposal to omit Clause XXVI., which provides for a Council for Wales, proved unacceptable to the Tories, and the debate on that section of the Bill was adjourned.

In the Commons the eleven o'clock rule was suspended to enable the debate on the Town Tenants Bill to be finished. The Opposition moved no further amendments, however, after about 11.30, and the Bill was ordered for third reading.

One man has lost his life and several others have been severely injured by an extraordinary disaster at Glasgow, where a whisky tank, containing 70,000 gallons, suddenly burst. The torrential rush of the liquid burst the walls and poured out with impetuous force into the street, sweeping horses and men off their feet and flooding the cellars of houses opposite. Bakers were swimming about in the whisky, and men's clothes were ripped off by the force of the torrent. The damage is estimated at £15,000.

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Mr. Haldane stated in the House of Commons yesterday that it was proposed to fix a minimum number of Woolwich Arsenal workers.

L. C. C. Education Committee sat yesterday for the first time with open doors, Press and public being admitted.

Thirty-two Chinamen, who are anxious to proceed to Liverpool to work in laundries and grocery shops there, have been detained in London as undesirable aliens without means, and their case came before the Immigration Board yesterday and was adjourned.

Situated at the junction of Regent-street and Langham-place, a statue to Mr. Quintin Hogg, the founder of the Polytechnic, will be unveiled on Saturday.

Sir Richard Farrar died suddenly during the night of Tuesday at his London residence.

Rev. Father Adderley, of Birmingham, states that bookmakers there can be seen openly having dealings in the streets with boys and girls.

Mr. Lloyd-George yesterday stated that if everyone did his part in helping Sunday schools there would be less need for controversy concerning religious education.

Two Kents preachers, released from prison at Bristol yesterday, were met by a large crowd of sympathisers and borne in procession through the town.

Cash and postal orders to the value of £5000 have been stolen from a Easton post-office, which was visited by daring and skilful burglars.

Poplar Guardians have decided to prosecute another Guardian.

Starvation led Michael Sullivan, an Irish lad, to allow his face to be tattooed as an advertisement for an East End artist.

At Ancoats yesterday the remains discovered in the cellar of an unoccupied house were identified as those of youth named Squire Kynaston, who has been missing from his home since August. Foul play is suspected.

COMMERCIAL

STOCK EXCHANGE.

Montevideo, Dec. 20, 1906.

There was some activity, at improving prices, in Bank shares, in the 2nd Ring, but beyond this business was quiet. Other values stationary. Sales as follow:—

Cédulas A, \$8500 at 84 and 83.90 tmw.

Mortgage Bonds E, \$15,000 at 94.80 end of month.

Credito Real Uruguayo, 42 shares at 13 tmw.

Mortgage Bank, 3700 shares at 42 to 42.90 closing 42.80 end of month, 42.60 to 43.60 end of Jan.

Conversion Loan, \$40,772 at 91.90 cash and tmw, 91.60 and 91.80 end of Jan.

Consolidated Debt, \$135,360 at 68.20 tmw, end of month, 68.90 end of Jan. No London quotation.

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Antwerp god/s.	5.53 5.60-61
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Italy	5.445-45
Spain	5.88-90
Brazil	16.100 16.300
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Business Notes.

—The Custom House paid into the London Bank yesterday \$12008 on account of the Consolidated Debt and Railway guarantee service, \$1467 on account of the 5 % Loan service, and \$6404 on account of the 5 cpo Conversion Loan.

—Exchange upon London was quoted in Rio Janeiro yesterday at 15 1/32 to 7/16d per milreis.

—Antwerp, 20. Wool, class B, 5.55 francs for Jan, 5.375 for April.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 20.

Certificados Banco Español, cash, 136.90.

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Montevideo, Dec. 20, 1906.

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—Str. Atituvit from B. Aires, for Santos.

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—Str. Kirby Bank for (not from) New York (19 th).

—Strs. Paris and Colombia for B. Aires.

MAIL STEAMERS

LEAVING TO-DAY.

—The river str. VENUS will leave TO-DAY for Buenos Aires and Asuncion. Correspondence at G.P.O. till 5.45 p. m.

OTHER DATES

—The French str. MAGELLAN will leave Dec. 22 for Santos, Rio Janeiro, Dakar, Lisbon and Bordeaux. Correspondence at G.P.O. till 9 a.m.

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DEC.	NAME	FLAG	FROM
21	Kinsale	English	Liverpool
21	Cornwall	English	New York
21	Esplanade	Italian	Genoa
21	Tartary	English	Liverpool
21	K. Victoria	Swiss	Gothenburg
21	Lynton	English	Antwerp
21	Mendoza	German	Antwerp
21	R. Grange	English	Newport
21	Ortega	English	Valparaiso
21	Argosy	English	Southampton
21	Amstelland	Dutch	Amsterdam
21	France	French	Marseilles
22	Arabistan	English	New York
22	Lombardia	Italian	Genoa
23	Nivernais	French	Marseilles
23	I. Prince	English	New York
24	Janeta	English	Liverpool
24	Leon XIII	Spanish	Barcelona
28	Ravenna	Italian	Genoa
28	Amazona	French	Bordeaux
30	Oravia	English	Liverpool
30	Sannio	Italian	Genoa
30	Cap Erio	German	Hamburg
31	C. Torino	Italian	Genoa
31	Argentina	Italian	Genoa
31	Italia	French	Marseilles

Steamers to leave.

DEC.	NAME	FLAG	FOR
21	Halibones	German	Hamburg
21	Ortega	English	Liverpool
22	Magellan	French	Bordeaux
22	Pisa	German	Hamburg
22	Indiana	Italian	Genoa
22	Siena	Italian	Genoa
23	Lazio	Italian	Genoa
23	Helgoland	German	Bremen
26	C. di Milano	Italian	Genoa
26	Italia	Italian	Genoa
27	Darmstadt	German	Boston
29	Hermiudt	English	New York
29	Aragon	English	Southampton
29	Leofroya	Italian	Genoa
29	Cap Erio	German	Hamburg
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Por los datos que anteceden, la muestra de agua remitida por el señor Enrique Alexander, merecer ser clasificada higiénicamente como una *agua muy pura*, de excelente calidad. Montevideo, Diciembre 29 de 1904.—Dr. José Scorsier.

Conclusiones de los profesores José G. Guglielmetti y Víctor Coppetti, Catedráticos de Toxicología y de Materia Farmacéutica de la Facultad de Medicina:

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The next morning at nine o'clock Delamere presented himself at 10, Avenue Street to commence his new duties.

SHORT STORY

A Dangerous Riddle.

(Continued.)

“H'm,” she said, leaning forward with a nod of her finely-shaped head. “You’ll do. You are not one of those vain fellows who think a woman can’t look at them without admiring them. Don’t bite your lips. A laugh is too good a thing to be wasted.”

“I really beg your pardon, Miss Fabian—”

“No need at all! Well, as I said, you’ll do, Mr. Delamere. There is grit in you. Your credentials as well as my own eyes tell me that, and everything in this world has its price. That’s sound political economy, isn’t it?”

“Yes, in the abstract certainly,” said he dryly. He was secretly displeased by the pounds-shilling-and-pence way in which she put a hard fact.

“I have had,” continued Miss Fabian, glancing keenly at him from under her long lashes, “a hundred applications, including your own. Some of the applicants having no experience and being young—offered six months for nothing; the highest asked was one hundred pounds a year, which is about the value of the average private secretary.”

“I believe so, madam,” said Delamere, seeing that she paused as if for a reply.

“Yes, it does not seem much if there were such a thing as a moral or equitable value of anything for so much talent, culture, refinement, work, bound up in a human brain. Still, that is the article’s market price—for most people, but not for me, Mr. Delamere.”

“No, not for me, because I require so much more than the average article, you see; it has proved itself practically, because out of that hundred you, the last applicant, are the only one who has met my requirements—*ergo*, for me the article is a scarce one in any market; logically therefore—following the law of supply and demand—your value becomes high. Mr. Delamere, I offer you two hundred pounds a year, if you think that a sufficient remuneration.”

Delamere’s dark eyes opened wide in surprise.

“Miss Fabian, you are offering an unusually handsome salary for the position.”

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“You will be welcome, madam, to any service I can render you,” said Delamere, rising.

Margaret Fabian rose too.

“Then that is all settled. When can you commence your duties?”

“Whenever you please, Miss Fabian.”

“To-morrow, then. By-the-by, you will lunch here, please, unless at any time you may wish to go out between one and two.”

“Thank you. Any arrangement you may make will suit me. I will be here, then, at nine to-morrow.”

“Thanks. Good morning, Mr. Delamere.”

She held out a hand that as culprit might have modelled; it rested for a second, soft and warm, in his clasp, and then the interview was ended.

“By Jove!” he said to himself, breaking into a laugh as he walked away from the house. “What a woman! I don’t know what to make of her. How I do detest a masculine woman, especially when she is handsome! I must call on Berry to-night.”

When Leigh Delamere had left, the subject of his thoughts remained by the fire and laughed faintly.

“Well, it’s done, and you’re puzzled—d’agreed, my handsome friend, but you’ll like it less and less,” she said to herself. “You’re all alike, if a woman is a fool enough to give you the chance. Once bitten, twice shy! I was only so. enticed then, but ever since—bah! There isn’t a man worth the risk; it’s only the wretched gold they care for—not its owner, not its owner. Let the dead past bury its dead, and if their manes will creep around, why, like Ulysses, I must draw the sword and keep them back!”

The next morning at nine o’clock Delamere presented himself at 10, Avenue Street to commence his new duties.

When he tapped at the library-door Margaret Fabian’s rich voice said, “Come in!” and as he entered she came forward and cordially shook hands.

“You are indeed punctual, Mr. Delamere!” she remarked.

In the two wide windows stood two handsome secretaries, the back of one facing the back of the other. On that furthest from the fireplace lay several letters. All this Delamere noticed at a glance. Margaret went up to that table.

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 7.00 p. m. de línea Pando y Minas.
 8.45 p. m. de línea San José.
 10.28 p. m. tren local de Piedras.

NOTAS.—Hay servicio de Restaurant en los trenes de las líneas Mercedes, Colonia, Rivera (nocturno), Rio Negro y Nico Perez, para comodidad de los pasajeros.
 En los trenes nocturnos hay coches dormitorios para Rio Negro.
 La Empresa ha establecido servicio de entrega y recolección de equipajes y encomiendas y a de los pasajeros a precios muy módicos. Se puede encargar con anticipación por teléfono “La Uruguay” No. 77 ó “Cooperativa” 461