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MONTEVIDEO, APRIL 28, 1908.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

MONTEVIDEO.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1908.

Saints Prudentius and Vitalis.—Martyr of the «Bounty», 1789. —119 days past, 247 to the end of the year.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The Representatives sat on Saturday. After some minor business, discussion was resumed of the University Reorganization Bill. Dr. Socá concluded his speech, partly in favor of the Bill, but mainly intended to expose the defects of the present system. Dr. G. Terra then spoke in defence of the Bill, and was still speaking when the Chamber adjourned.

The Bill for the creation of Municipal Intendencias has excited more interest in the interior than is usual, and from several Departments memorials have been presented to the Chambers against the Bill. Among these is one from Tacuarembó, signed by over 150 prominent residents. This condenses the case as follows:—«The Bill has been badly received by public opinion, which sees in it, not only an attack on the Constitution, but also the manifest tendency of an absorbent centralism directly contrary to democratic principles, and to the conveniences of the people, whom it deprives of the administration of their proper interests.»—This is perfectly true, but the petitioners overlook the patent fact that «absorbent centralism» is the manifest policy of the fiction in power, and the same tendency is revealed daily in a hundred ways. There is no desire that the people shall administer their own interests or be self-governing—the rôle assigned to them is to submit to be governed by the dominant faction and to pay the greatest amount of taxes possible.—One petition in favor of the Bill has been presented. This comes from the Department of Rivera, and it is said that it was promoted by the candidate for the post of Intendant. In any case, whatever the number and nature of the petitions presented, we do not suppose that they will affect the votes of the legislators. A Chamber accessible to public fashion in this manner, would be a complete novelty in the history of Uruguay. The petition we have already quoted makes an interesting citation of what is done in the neighboring Brazilian State of Rio Grande. There, it says, the State Legislature sanctions no Bill without first consulting all the Municipal Chambers, to which every resident of the town has the right to present his remarks in writing. If the Bill is condemned by two-thirds of the Municipalities it is regarded as rejected by the people and is forthwith shelved. This is practically a form of plebiscite, but we can imagine the horror and indignation that would be created among the dominant faction, and especially the adherents of the ex-president, if it were proposed to introduce such a system here. They would proclaim another revolution and ravage the country with sword and fire—to say nothing of the terrible «pom-pom»—before consenting to allow the people any such intervention in the government of the country.

Negotiations with the Government are said to be well advanced for a concession for building a narrow-gauge railway from La Paloma port, on the Atlantic Ocean, to the «bars» of the Rivera Cebollati and Olimar, in the Dept. of Rocha. The proposing syndicate is represented by Sr. Narciso Capraro. For the present we are unable to give further information, but it is understood that the matter is nearly ready for reference to the Chambers.

The Government, it was announced yesterday, has decided to reject the application recently made by the Mercantile Produce Chamber for temporary

suspension of the export duty on wool. The principal reasons adduced for the refusal are, that the state of the wool market is not sufficiently critical, to justify a step that would considerably affect the revenue; that the last wool clip, estimated at 45 million kilos, was abundant above the average; and that the step would not benefit the producer, as practically all the wool not yet exported is now in the hands of speculators or exporting firms, who have already discounted the duty from the grower.

Serious Naval Accident.

H. M. S. «Gladiator» Ran Down.

A Southampton telegram of Saturday reports another disaster in the Solent in connection with the naval manoeuvres. Off Yarmouth, in a squall, the Transatlantic liner «St. Paul», outward bound, ran into H. M. S. «Gladiator», a second-class cruiser of 5750 tons, built in 1896 and commanded by Capt. W. Lumden. The cruiser was struck amidships, and so badly damaged that she had to be beached to prevent her sinking. The crew took to the boats and landed. Eighteen were killed and forty injured. The «St. Paul's» bows were damaged, but little other damage was done to her. Only the forward compartments filled and the bulkhead doors acted automatically, keeping the water from the boiler rooms. No passenger was lost, though many of the steerage passengers had narrow escapes and had their effects damaged by water. The vessel returned to Southampton with her own steam, after assisting in beaching the «Gladiator» and in landing her crew in her boats.

A later message adds the following:—The passengers of the «St. Paul» have landed, and give graphic accounts of the disaster to the cruiser «Gladiator». They witnessed a thrilling scene on the deck of that warship. Perfect discipline was maintained on board the foundering vessel. The crew while awaiting rescue by the boats of the «St. Paul» sang «Rule Britannia». The «Gladiator» now lies a hundred yards off shore. She has heeled over and only the keel is now visible. The Admiralty was thronged with inquiries after relatives and people in this town, and Portsmouth sent telegraphic enquiries. Replying to these enquiries, the Admiralty has issued an official report saying that only Lieutenant Graves and three of the crew were drowned.

The latest telegraphic information is to the effect that there are 4 drowned, 6 injured and 34 missing.

AN «ERA OF CONSCIENCE»

America in the act of turning the moral corner was exhibited by Governor Folk in his address before the Civic Forum of New York. He named the present as an «era of conscience» *The Christian Work and Exchange* (New York) in commenting upon his words observes that the patriotism of the man who said, with tears in his eyes after singing «America», «Oh, I could die for my country!» and three weeks later confessed in court that he had bribed a municipal council, is a patriotism that comparatively few men nowadays would own to. This journal quotes two stories told by the Governor of Missouri which «are illuminating by way of showing the change of the moral point of view that has taken place in this country within the last few years.» It says:

«Six years ago a member of the Missouri legislature accepted \$25,000 for his vote in regard to a certain bill. Later he received \$50,000 from the other side, and returned the \$25,000. When the man, who had turned state's evidence, related the story on the stand, the examining attorney asked him, «Why was it that you returned the \$25,000?» The legislator drew himself up to his full height, and in a voice that showed his scorn of the lawyer for such a question, answered: «I'd have you to know that I'm too conscientious to take money from both sides!»

The other story was of a Missouri legislator who, after receiving a bribe, left the capital by train with the bribe-money stuffed into his pocket-book. He called the porter, who at first denied all knowledge of the theft, but later confessed and returned the money. The legislator thereupon read him a lecture. «See here, my man», said he, «I could send you to prison for that; but I will not. I will, however, give you a piece of advice. Always remember that honesty is the best policy.»

«Six years ago», said Governor Folk, in commenting on the two incidents, «men would give and take bribes and still pride themselves on their honesty. They have learned better than that now. The public conscience has taught them better.»

Preaching and practise, *The Christian Work* goes on to say, «are coalescing more in America than they did twelve years ago.» Further:

«We are appreciating that the only morality is the morality of action. We are driving theories to their conclusions, and acting on the conclusions. We are being aroused to the fact that if it is wrong to get something for nothing, it is wrong not only to get it by stealing or in gambling, but by speculation, and we are questioning whether it is exactly right investment, as in land, where not the energy of the owner but the development of the community is the source of the increase in value. Governor Folk put it thus:

«Too many men have been seeking wealth without the corresponding inclination to labor for its achievement. Too many have forgotten the divine in-

junction. «In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread.» The gambling mania is the outgrowth of this inordinate desire for wealth, and with its abolition business, and the prosperity that comes from business, will be upon a more moral, and therefore a firmer, foundation.»

«As for business, the country as a whole is very well convinced that who ever danger it runs is from dishonesty, and not the exposition of that dishonesty. New York papers to the contrary notwithstanding. The man who says that the depression in the industrial world is caused by punishing crooks, argues there can be no such thing as honest prosperity, and that the prosperity we had was that of the burglar and pickpocket. The man who argues that it is a bad thing for the country to have crookedness exposed reminds one of the old fellow who did not like to take a bath for fear that, if he did, people might think he needed it. America needed the bath. We are not clean yet, but we are cleaner. The scrubbing thus far goes to show that one need is government more directly by the people. Then no New York Senate would dare retain Kiley, nor would there be any difficulty about changing the race-track gambling law. But, as Governor Folk said: If things had gone on as they were a few years ago, when bribery reigned, when lawlessness was looked upon with indifference, when special privileges seemed impervious to attack, then the end of the Republic itself might well have been prophesied, for we were going the way other republics have gone that have passed to their death. The republics that have tottered off the stage of the world into oblivion did not die for lack of material wealth, but for want of moral health; they ceased to exist, not for lack of money, but for lack of morals.»

Naples Mystery.

Story of the Montfort Tragedy

Rome, March 29.
The detailed story of the circumstances attending the mysterious death of the Duke de Montfort at Naples makes amazing reading.

The late Duke was the head of one of the chief Italian families. At an advanced age he married an English woman, Miss Lydia Berth, but some years later contracted a liaison with a German lady's maid, named Francesca Bughner. The Duke, notwithstanding, manifested strong religious tendencies, and priests and monks were constantly at his house, one of them (Father Valeriano) being eventually appointed chaplain.

Some months subsequent to Valeriano's appointment the Duchess died suddenly, and within a few days the maid Bughner also died. The consequence was that the control of the establishment passed virtually into Valeriano's hands, the priest choosing as his right hand man a Sicilian valet, whom he had himself introduced into the household. Whitt advancing age; the Duke's faculties began to fail him, and at length he fell ill. The priest and the valet were in constant attendance, and the former, seeing the end was approaching, confessed him and disappeared. Almost immediately the old man died.

The relatives of the Duke, being informed of his death, proceeded to his residence, but to their great astonishment found that it had been despoiled of all articles of value.

Father Valeriano and the valet were arrested. The evidence against the priest began to look very serious, and, on the demand of the Duke's relatives, the police extended their inquiries, the result being that the Duke, the Duchess, and the German maid were all shown to have died from the effects of poison.

The valet has been released, but a sensational trial is promised.

Congo Horrors.

21 Heads as a Flower Bed Border.

From a recent London paper:—An acknowledgment has been received from Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, of a resolution which was passed at a meeting held at St. Swithun's Parish Hall, Hither Green, when Mrs. Christopher lectured on the Congo State.

The lady and her husband acted as missionaries for a great number of years in the territory of King Leopold. She mentioned that she had known populous districts absolutely denuded of natives owing to the carrying out of the instructions of Belgian officers.

She also vouched for the following, which led to the resolution: A Belgian officer went out on a punitive expedition, and as a result of the failure of the natives to hand in sufficient rubber he returned with the head of twenty-one natives, which he ordered his men to cut off. These he used on his arrival as a bordering for a flower bed in his garden.

As a result of this the following resolution was passed:

«That at a public meeting held at St. Swithun's Parish Hall, Lewisham, it was unanimously felt that the management of the Congo Free State calls for the urgent attention of his Majesty's Government.»

Tornado in the United States.

A New York telegram of Saturday last reports a disastrous hurricane that has desolated the Southern States. The damage to property and the loss of life is enormous. The latest estimates place the number of killed at 250 and that of injured at 400. Most of the victims are negroes. The States that suffered most were Louisiana and Alabama. At Mobile,

Ship Island, Pascagoula and Pensacola considerable damage was done to shipping. Several towns have been destroyed and thousands of people are now homeless. The tornado practically destroyed the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal churches at Mason, Tennessee, where three persons were killed. Tornadoes swept the south and west parts of Memphis, killing three. At Brainerd, Nebraska, great damage was done and one person was killed. At Deport, Texas, five lives were lost. From Vapasia, Louisiana, four deaths are reported. At Richland, in the same State, a hundred persons were injured and great damage was done to the plantations and buildings.

Races.

Through the non-publication at the usual time of the list of entries and weights, we were misled into making the statement, in our last issue, that there would be no race at Maracas on Sunday. There was a meeting, well attended and full of interest. The results were as follows:

Premio No Me Olvides.—1600 metres. Eight ran. Ochorillos 1, \$10.50 and \$2.77; Folle 2, \$3.72; Alator 3, \$2.46.

Premio Fogotín.—1200 metres. Seven ran. Riquisa 1, \$19.66 and \$6.65; Boca negra 2, \$9.59; Saravia 3.

Premio Remate.—1200 metres. Nine ran. White 1, \$12.30 and \$4.60; Primus 2, \$5.01; Abayubá 3, \$4.64.

Premio Marafías.—1400 metres. Nine ran. Macadam 1, \$25.95 and \$4.39; Don Severo 2, \$3.81; Ciceron 3, \$2.73.

Premio Pilatos.—1800 metres. Ten ran. Saravia 1, \$1.63 and \$3.68; Guallicho 2, \$3.65; Alborada 3, \$7.75.

Premio Dugon.—2000 metres. Ten ran. Regidor 1, \$14.04 and \$4.32; C. Z. 2, \$5.91; La Veine 3, \$4.38.

SUNDRIES.

WEATHER.—This remains brilliantly fine, but a north wind and rising temperature foreshadow an approaching change which may be expected in a few days.

BRITISH CEMETERY SOCIETY.—With regard to the Extraordinary General Meeting announced for this evening, we are qualified to state that the first convocation is merely a formality, there being no expectation of a quorum. A second convocation will be issued for some day next week when the meeting will be held with the number present. Before then we hope to publish an outline of the important scheme which will be put forward for discussion.

DEPARTURE.—Mr. J. Brian Owsley, with Mrs. and Miss Owsley, the relatives of the Secretary of the U. S. Legation, embarked for New York on Saturday in the «Ortega», their visit here having been cut short through urgent business affairs requiring Mr. Owsley's presence in the States.

UNRUIZA THEATRE.—Sr. Torneri's Company has found public favor, and there was a crowded audience on Sunday night, when «Bohème» proved the best performance the Company has yet given. A decided hit was made by Sr. Bianchini-Freri, who uses an agreeable light tenor voice with much skill, and Mmes. Calvi and Maggi-Queirolo also acquitted themselves very satisfactorily. Even the orchestra showed signs of improvement. It would be difficult to demand a better performance of the opera at such moderate prices.—This evening will be performed that evergreen favorite Ponchielli's «Gioconda», in which Sr. Torneri will be the tenor.

POLITEAMA THEATRE.—The program for this evening consists of «El Chaleco Blanco», «El Sueño Dorado», «Uruguay á la Vista», and a section of biograph views.

LAFONE MEMORIAL HALL.—There was a smaller attendance than the occasion deserved present at this Hall on Saturday evening to listen to Col. Hammond's Lecture on the Rise and Progress of the Salvation Army. The chair was taken by the British Minister Mr. R. J. Kennedy, who was supported on the platform by the Rev. G. Martin, of the Methodist Church, the Revs. Nalke and Gossweiler of the German Church, and the British Acting Vice-Consul Mr. C. E. R. Rowland. In introducing the lecturer, Mr. Kennedy referred to the biting ridicule with which the Army had been greeted in its early days, more than thirty years ago, and the change in public opinion, to-day, when the Army had the cordial countenance of the Churches, and General Booth was recognised as one of the greatest of organising geniuses. Col. Hammond then stepped forward and delivered a very interesting and graphic lecture in which he set forth the whole story of the Army from its inception to its present world-wide organisation and recognition under a flag that flies in fifty-four different countries and colonies. He also dwelt on the marks of appreciation that had been received by General Booth from crowned heads downwards. His concluding remarks were devoted to the immediate present and future of the Army, for which he predicted even greater things in store than it had yet achieved. On finishing the lecturer was awarded a hearty vote of thanks, and the meeting concluded with the singing of an appropriate hymn.

TRAGEDY.—News comes from Fray Bentos that on Friday evening last, in the Hotel San Martín, Ensign Alejandro Rodríguez, of the 3rd Cavalry detachment stationed there, was shot dead by Miguel Oficialdeguy, cashier of the local branch of the Bank of the

Republic. No details have yet transpired of the affair, which is qualified in the telegram as an act of assassination.

—**FOOTBALL.**—The following were the results of Sunday's 1st Division matches:—National beat Bristol, 1-0; Peñarol beat French, 4-1; River Plate beat Montevideo, 4-1; Dublin beat Albion, 8-0. Intrepid scratched against Wanderers.

—**DEATH.**—The death occurred on Sunday, after a painful illness, of Mrs. Alice Trimble de MacColl, wife of Mr. John MacColl and eldest daughter of the recently deceased Mr. James Trimble. The deceased lady, who had been only a few years married and was in the prime of life, leaves a husband and three young children, besides numerous relatives, to mourn her premature decease. There was a large and sympathetic attendance at the funeral, which took place yesterday afternoon.

—**MURDER REVEALED.**—On Saturday the prisoner Mazzeo made a voluntary (?) confession of the murder of the Neapolitan Nicolini, about which there was so much sensational talk last week. Mazzeo's tale is mainly to the effect that he and Nicolini had been visiting several bars and low haunts on the night of Sunday the 15th instant, that Nicolini, the worse for liquor, became quarrelsome and challenged him to fight. Eventually, on reaching a lonely spot, Nicolini repeatedly aggressed him and practically compelled him to fight, whereupon Mazzeo used his knife and stabbed Nicolini various times, but without knowing that he had killed him. This was in the early hours of the morning, during an interval in the storm. Leaving Nicolini on the ground, Mazzeo went home, told his associates what he had done, and implored them to testify that he had passed the night in the house with them, with the object of establishing an alibi. This confession establishes Mazzeo's criminality, about which there was little doubt from the first, and reduces this crime to a vulgar and commonplace affair, devoid of any connection with the «Mafia» and the sensational aspect which it was endeavored to give it. At the same time, there are certain incidents which the confession does not entirely clear up—for one thing, the victim had no weapon more formidable than an umbrella and Mazzeo showed no signs of having been engaged in a deadly struggle—so that the police still think that there were others implicated whom Mazzeo is trying to shelter.—Through the police may be complimented on the promptitude with which they caught the guilty party; the manner in which they have handled the affair, lending themselves to its conversion into a press sensation with lengthy reports that might have been copied from the pages of a dime detect novel, and the methods employed to make the prisoners incriminate themselves, certainly cannot be commended, and we are not surprised that some sharp comments have appeared in more than one of our contemporaries. Apart from the fair play due even to those suspected of a grave crime, more sobriety and a greater sense of responsibility are incumbent on officials whose duty it is, not to furnish sensational «copy» for the papers, but to elucidate crime and protect society.

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MONDAY, MARCH 30.

The funeral of the Duke of Devonshire took place on Saturday at Edensor, near Chatsworth. There was a crowded congregation in the church, including representatives of the King and Queen, of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and of the German and Austro-Hungarian Emperors. The service in the church was conducted by the Bishop of Derby, and the Bishop of Southwell read the committal sentences at the graveside. A memorial service, at which also there was a large attendance, was held on Saturday morning at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

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SHORT STORY

A Friend in Need.

(Conclusion.)

John declared he could pack his portmanteau, meet them at the station, and catch the same train. He hurried off, and Anna and Sophie locked up the flat and drove to the station.

When the girls were alone that night Sophie said suddenly—
«Anna Arding, promise me you will never breathe to any man or woman a word of what I am going to tell you!»

«I promise!» replied Anna laughingly.

«Well, then, I wrote that letter!»

Anna gasped with astonishment.

«Sophie! How could you be so wicked? Whatever induced you to do such a thing?»

«Well,» explained Sophie callously, «when I saw you and Mr. Cleveland together at the Harrisons' dance I knew you would suit each other, but I also knew that nothing would come of it without assistance. I determined to see what I could do to help, and the idea of a letter suddenly flashed upon me, with the result that you have to thank me for a great deal.»

She pointed to the diamond-ring upon Anna's finger. Anna stared at her in amazement.

«Sophie, do you understand it was a very wicked thing to do? You might have been tried for forgery!»

«Tried for fiddlesticks!» scoffed Sophie unrepentant. «I should have declared it was only a joke; and who was going to summon me—or whatever it is—you or John?»

«I am afraid you have been very, very wrong, Sophie,» said Anna. Sophie only laughed.

«What would have become of you if it hadn't been for me, I should like to know?» she demanded. «Mind, if you ever tell Mr. Cleveland I'll do something much worse!»

«I shall certainly tell John—some day!» said Anna.

She did, but not until they were married; and then, although John frowned at first, he was soon obliged to laugh.

«I always liked Sophie!» he declared, and afterwards would never hear a word in her disparagement.

Anna on one occasion pretended jealousy.

«I believe you think me highly of Sophie than of me,» she complained.

«If it hadn't been for Sophie,» John replied, «I should never have married you, darling!»

This was the answer Anna required, and with it and her husband's accompanying look she was perfectly satisfied.

THE END.

WANTED TO KNOW.

An Englishman travelling in the north of Scotland arrived at a small town, and entered into conversation with one of the prominent residents, who assured him that the place was note-worthy, inasmuch as it was one of the old royal burghs of Scotland.

«How very interesting,» said the tourist.

«Yes,» replied the resident, «its charter was granted by King David.»

«Dear me, you don't tell me so!» responded the Interested Englishman.

«Was that the—gentleman who wrote the Psalms?»

AT THE SAME SHOP.

«I want to see the clerk who changed a sovereign for me the other day,» said a sporting man, as he entered the office of a firm with whom he did business.

The clerk at the counter guessed that something was amiss, and hastened to defend his absent colleague.

«I'm sorry, sir, but my shortage in your change should have been rectified before you left the counter. If the clerk made a mistake—»

«Who's saying he made a mistake? Why, he did me the best turn one man could do another. He changed that sovereign, which was bad, at a grocer's shop somewhere near here. Goodness knows how he managed it, but I put money on a 'dark horse' and won fifty pounds. Now I'm anxious to know the name of the grocer from whom the change came.»

«I understand. You want to repay the money?»

«Blessed if I do! The fact is, among the money I won the bookie managed to slip another bad sovereign, and I want to get that changed, too!»

ADMONISHED.

Clank, clank, clank. What dreadful sounds are these breaking the stillness of the Sabbath morning?

In haste Mrs. MacTavish goes in search of the cause of the disturbance. In the garden she finds her husband nailing a board on the bottom of a barrow.

«Donal, man,» she says, «ye're makin' an awful row. What wull the neebors think?»

«Never mind them, Kirsty,» says Donal, «I maun get my barra mendit.»

«Oh, but Donal,» says Kirsty, «it's vera wrong to work on the Sabbath—ye ocht to use screws.»

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Montevideo, Abril 14 de 1908.

C. W. Bayne, Administrador General.

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ESTACIONES	Horas de salida	BOLETOS DE IDA Y VUELTA	
		1.ª CLASE	PRIMERA CLASE SOLAMENTE
		A	B
CENTRAL . . . S.	A. M. 6.40	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
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El número de boletos será limitado a 150 y se pondrán en venta en Central desde el 28 de Abril.

Habrà servicio de restaurant para comodidad de los señores pasajeros. Aviso importante.—Se previene a los señores pasajeros que las personas que se encuentren en este tren sin su correspondiente boleto especial serán obligadas a pagar el boleto sencillo a tarifa ordinaria.

Montevideo, 15 de Abril de 1908.

C. W. Bayne, Administrador General.