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MONTEVIDEO, JANUARY 3, 1909.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

MONTEVIDEO.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 1909.

Second Sunday after Christmas.—
Saints Andrew, Florentine and Genevieve.—3 days past, 362 to the end of the year.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The Representatives concluded the old year nobly by another no-quorum on Thursday.

The Diario Oficial of Friday publishes the text of the Executive Message relative to the complementary Port Works and of the ad referendum contract with the Port Works contractors, and the Report of the Foment Committee on the same. The Report flatly recommends the complete rejection of the contract. The execution of the proposed complementary works, it says, will unnecessarily prolong a situation that ought to be terminated, and delay the utilization of the moles for direct handling of cargo, which is most essential. As matters are now proceeding, the technical Inspector, Sr. Storm, officially holds out the prospect that half the port will be ready for use by August next (Mole A as soon as March) and the remainder by March 1st, 1910. The proposed contract would prolong these terms for at least another year. This would create an uncertain situation, and, relative to this, the Report speaks in rather sharp terms of the failure of the Port Contractors to fulfil former promises of rapid work, their attempts to shift the responsibility for delays to the Government, and their tendency to give preference to the works that yield them the most profit, to the disadvantage of those of more public utility. Thus it is, says the Report, that an excess of attention has been bestowed upon the anteport, the breakwaters and the access channels, while the more important task of providing moles for the direct access of ocean vessels has been improperly delayed and left almost to the last. The Report also considers it incorrect that funds which will shortly be required to complete the installations and superstructure of the port should be diverted to complementary works of questionable utility. As to the pending difficulties and claims between the Government and the Contractors, the Committee is of opinion that there will be no serious difficulty in arranging them if the Contractors show good will and a desire to carry out their task speedily and well. Finally the Report recommends the adoption of a "Note of Communications" stating that, while recognizing the patriotic motives of the ad referendum contract, the Chamber declines to approve it being convinced that it is possible to terminate the works within the present administration, and therefore preferring to postpone, as obstructive, the works referred to in the said contract. The Report, which is couched in unusually sharp terms, is unanimously signed by the Committee, consisting of Deputies M. B. Otero, H. R. Gomez, V. P. S. S. J. D. Durán, A. T. Canessa, J. C. Blanco Hijo, and D. Arona. It is stated in our issue of Thursday that, those of the complementary works which had been commenced have been suspended, the Government, by the terms of the ad referendum contract, incurring no liability for the same.

The Executive has signed and promulgated the License Tax for 1908-9. As our readers know, there are no changes of importance.

It is known that Sr. Daniel Muñoz has declined the offered post of post of Municipal Intendant of Montevideo, which is not entirely surprising as he is receipt of a much larger salary as

Diplomatic Minister. Sr. Luis Super-vielle and Diego Pons are now regarded as probable candidates. The full list of Intendants will not be made known for two or three days yet. Despite the great number of candidates—or perhaps on account of it—the President is finding it no easy task to complete the list, and he has already had refusals from several to whom the posts were offered.

INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS.

ALLEGED BRITISH INTERVENTION.

Considerable comment has been excited, especially in diplomatic circles, by certain assertions published in *La Razón* (2nd Edition) of Thursday evening last, under guise of an interview with a personage who was named, not revealed, but who is represented as being more or less behind the scenes in local international and diplomatic affairs.

This gentleman is represented by our contemporary as attributing to Vice Admiral Sir Percy Scott the categorical and semi-official declaration that a powerful British squadron would arrive here in the course of a few months and remain on station at Montevideo. The visit would not be one of courtesy, like that of Sir Percy Scott's squadron, but would have a definite practical and political object, namely, to impose a naval war between Argentina and Brazil, equally in the interests of South American peace, and in those of the vast amount of British capital invested in the River Plate Republics. The British Government, according to the speaker, holds the opinion that the heavy naval armaments of Argentina and Brazil are the prelude to strained relations which may easily develop into active war. As a matter of business, Great Britain will build or sell as many vessels as they like to pay for, but when it comes to employing them in a war that would involve enormous losses to British capital and interests, her attitude would no longer be one of passive indifference. Moreover, this intervention for the preservation of peace, would be perfectly consistent with the pacific policy King Edward has pursued in other parts of the world. His Majesty would be no less a friend of peace in South America than he has been in Europe.

Continuing the interview, the speaker is represented as saying that such a statement would most probably favorably influence an early and satisfactory solution of the jurisdictional question between Uruguay and Argentina. It is already well known what opinion both the British Foreign Office and the Admiralty sustain regarding the jurisdiction of the waters of the River Plate. Should it ever become necessary for the British Government to take up a firm position on this question, it would not meet with the unanimous approval of the Great Powers, and then it would not be long before the estuary of the Plate were declared an open sea and the sole jurisdiction of international maritime law. Thus it is supposed that Argentine diplomats seeing their end in serious danger of losing their erstwhile rights of jurisdiction over the disputed waters, would be ready to accept the arrangement proposed to the Argentine Government more than six months ago by Sir Basil Hall. This agreement, he added, was based on a spirit of equity and mutual respect which should prove itself easily acceptable.

The above, which is elaborated with no considerable circumstantial argument, is a remarkably pretty and cleverly concocted story, so well put together as to be almost convincing. It would be difficult to say how much of invention or of imagination.

One thing, however, we can state very positively, and it goes a long way to destroy the principal basis of the story. Sir Percy Scott has not—and, indeed, he could not—made any categorical and semi-official declaration as to the arrival here of a British squadron to remain on station, whether for the above purpose or for any other. During the visit of President Williams on board the flagship, Sir Percy, in the course of general conversation, did, we believe, refer in general terms to the possibility and advisability of the re-establishment of a British naval station in the Plate, and we also believe that it is highly probable that he will make a recommendation to that effect to the authorities on his arrival in England, an idea that has already found mention in the Buenos Aires papers. This was as far as matters went, and this would be in relation to the general importance of British interests here, rather than in reference to any specific international questions of which Sir Percy Scott could have no special knowledge, and in which he could in no way interfere.

The assumption, therefore, that a British squadron is shortly coming here with the direct object attributed to it in the *Razón* is, to say the least, premature and even unwarranted.

That Sir Basil Hall might intervene, in one form or another, to avert a naval war in the Plate, or to assert recognised international principles in the jurisdictional question, or even for the relatively minor purpose of protecting the neutrality and integrity of Uruguay, is quite possible, and even probable, but the necessity for any such step on her part is hardly yet within sight. It may be regarded as a contingency which is still sufficiently remote, and may always remain so, and therefore its discussion in the very

positive terms employed in the *Razón* is, again, distinctly premature.

The interviews in *La Razón*, whether fictitious or real, is from a clever pen and the pen of someone who is not ignorant of the delicate questions so boldly broached. Whether it has any ulterior object beyond keeping up the reputation of *La Razón* for sensationalism, it is not in our power to say. For the present we prefer to add it to the large mass of what may be called "literature of intrigue" that has lately arisen around South American international problems.

John Chinaman at Home.

No Lawyers, Roads, Shops, Police, or Theatres.

Mr. Consul H. A. Little gives, in his report on the conditions of Ichang, a town of 60,000 inhabitants, and the neighbourhood, a very interesting picture of Chinese provincial life, which goes far to sober down the enthusiasts who speak of the regeneration of China as if that were an accomplished fact or, at least, a process which can be observed and measured tangibly. China is an enormous country, and while the parts touched by modern civilization may exhibit signs of new life, the remainder of the country, the vast expanse where a European or an American is rarely or never seen, still remains amidst its ancient conditions.

Ichang is situated on the river Yangtze, nearly midway between the two great commercial marts of Hankow and Chungking; yet it is but little known, and presents a very trait of an old-world Chinese town, in spite of the cotton weaving and silk manufactures which are carried on. The land is generally still held in small holdings of from half an acre to five or six acres, at a rent of about £2 6s. an acre, and some times in kind, and the entire set of implements can be bought for about 30s. There are at Ichang no lawyers, or notaries, or architects, or veterinary surgeons. The so-called doctors are about twenty in number, two of them being earning from £7 to £11 per month, but the majority being content with much less—sometimes with but 13s. per month. The shop assistants get about 15s. per month, with food, and the artisans earn from 514d. to 1d. a day, with food. The rents of dwelling-houses range from 1s. 6d. per month for a labourer's cottage, to £3 10s. per month for a merchant's house of some 25 or 30 rooms.

Food is of the simplest description, fish and meat being little eaten; milk, butter, and bread not at all, and rice and vegetables forming the staple diet. The expenditure on food ranges from about 2s. to 3s. per month in the case of the working class, to about 25s. to 30s. in the case of the well-to-do. There are no roads, no carts or carriages, no municipal government, no public lighting of the streets, no police, no fire brigade, no shops as we know them, no hair-dressers, no trams or railways, no libraries or reading rooms, no places of amusement—nothing, in fact, which we associate with the idea of a modern town. There is a lifeboat service maintained on account of the danger of the Yangtze river, which saves about 1,000 lives every year; and there are three theatrical troupes, consisting of from 20 to 60 performers, who visit houses, etc., and charge from £1 to £1 10s. per day. There are also about 19 inns, where the usual charge is about 1s. a day, including food, but no bedding is provided. Bankings commonly transacted through cash shops, which issue their own notes, and advance money on 12 to 15 per cent interest per annum, and there are two pawnshops, which charge about 1d. per 1s. 6d. per month.

The foreign community numbers between 60 and 70 persons, of whom over 40 are British. There is no social intercourse with the natives, little amusement, and "living," as Mr. Little remarks, is "not good."

PITH OF THE PRESS.

"When did you move into the suburbs?" "Three weeks ago."—*Puck*.
Things are at such a pass in England that none but a millionaire can afford to be purely artistic.—*Era*.

No woman worth her salt is without a secret of some sort.—Julia Dawson, in the *Woman Worker*.

We know neither what life is, nor what Death is, nor how nor why the one passes into the other.—*Hopwood*.

From how much cruel gossip is not society saved by the prevalent passion for bridge.—*Contemporary Review*.

No woman is really dangerous to the peace of mind of her male contemporaries until she is rising forty-five.—*Satchel*.

The game is now fairly flung down (by the House of Lords) and the Liberal Party must either take it up or abdicate.—*Nation*.

The English should own up. Under their mask of self-control and stolidity they are exceedingly sensitive—not to say shy.—*Zetland*, Vienna.

Men folk are easier to please, easier served than ladies and not so particular as to price so long as they get what reasonably supplies their immediate needs.—*Outfitter*.

Selfishness is ever on the increase. We elbow our way through the crowd, tread on each other's heels, and seldom or never apologise. We have no time to be polite.—*Mail*, Paris.

In the matter of sport and a love of fair play we must go to the Old Country and learn. England is the home of sport for sports' sake, and there the game is

played for the sake of the game.—*Canada*.

Nothing tranquillises the nerves of Europe more than the knowledge that Great Britain, who stands for peace and law, is in the position of security which can make her diplomacy effective and influential.—*The Times*.

What would they say in England if an Australian garrotter or armed burglar were formally discharged from custody on the condition that he emigrated to London and took a last chance in Belgravia?—*Daily Telegraph*, Sydney.

One of the present sensations of the trade is due to the importation of "Irish" linen goods from the land of the wily Jap. The detail and elaboration of the work are alike astonishing. The prices are even more so.—*Draper's Record*.

As the Australian Commonwealth needs new blood, a judicious selection from the packed ranks of the British unemployed for immigration purposes might do good to both countries. If the British middle class want to be rid of the burden of the poor, let them work on some scheme of emigration hand-in-hand with the Commonwealth.—*Table Talk*, Melbourne.

Holy Trinity Church.

Jan. 3.—II Sunday after Christmas, 9.30 a.m.—Children's Service. Hymn, 517.

10.30 a.m.—Matins and Holy Communion. Hymns, 74, 289 and 595.

8.30 p.m.—Evensong. Hymns, 73, 289, 165, 595.

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Sunday.—10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Public Worship.

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Calle Rivera, 308.

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Spanish Meetings are held at Calle Nueva York 14, Aguada, every evening except Tuesday at 8.30 p.m. Sundays, at 8 p.m.—Children's Meetings, Sundays at 3 p.m.—Head quarters, Florida 59. Adjutant Thomas in charge.

Service in English at the Home Florida 54, every Sunday 8 p.m.

SUNDRIES.

—WEATHER.—The New Year came in on Friday with a windy, unsettled and not very agreeable day. An early shower yesterday was followed by a hot and heavy day. Symptoms unsettled and rather threatening.

—BRITISH SQUADRON RECEPTION COMMITTEE.—We are requested to make known that all outstanding accounts should be sent to the Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. P. Costes) so that the balance sheet may be finally submitted to the General Committee Meeting which will be held tomorrow (Monday) afternoon at 5 p.m. in the Waterworks Company's Offices.

—RACES.—Weather permitting the most important meeting of the year will be held at Maroñas this afternoon, the program including the Grand International. For this event we pin our faith to Mr. Jefferson's Black Prince.

—POLITEAMA THEATRE.—The program for this evening consists of "La Banda de Trompas," "El Duo de la Africana," "Los Políticos" and "Cora Chico."

—CARTOONS.—There will be the usual afternoon performance for families to-day.

—THE EARTHQUAKE.—The telegrams continue to pile up the horrors of the terrible earthquake in Sicily, and are taking care to leave little to the imagination. The number of victims is now brought up to over 200,000. Out of the 160,000 inhabitants of Messina barely 30,000 escaped, 40,000 were killed at Reggio, and decreasing numbers in the minor towns and villages. The material damage is incalculable. Some of the scenes of destruction and suffering related are indescribably horrible, so much so that it would be better they should remain unpublished in the columns of the press. Blue-jackets have rescued the safe of the Bank of Sicily containing ten million lire in bonds and notes. The contour of the Straits of Messina has been radically altered by the earthquake, and, to avoid mishaps, they are temporarily closed to navigation. Relief and aid for the sufferers are pouring in liberally from all quarters, and subscription lists have been opened everywhere.

—VISITORS.—Dr. Alonso Saenz Zamarrán, Secretary of the Uruguayan Legation in London, has arrived here on a few months' leave of absence.—Dr. C. Nery, the Consul General in London, is expected here in April next.

—BANK PRESENTATION.—From Buenos Aires, Dec. 31.—Mr. Thomas Hogg, who retires from the sub-management of the London and River Plate Bank to-day after a period of service in the institution extending over 42 years, was presented yesterday afternoon with a handsome silver centrepiece, a gold pen case, and a roll in form of an album, containing the signatures of the managers and staff of the River Plate branches. Mr. R. A. Thurburn, the manager, presided over the gathering and

made the presentation in felicitous terms. Mr. Hogg replied in suitable terms, and hearty applause closed the ceremony. Among those present were Messrs. H. Scott, James Day, W. C. Paterson, W. B. Mayne, H. Linsdell, and the whole of the staff now in Buenos Aires. The obsequious inscription:—Presented by the managers and staff of the London and River Plate Bank, Ltd., to Thomas Hogg, Esquire, on the occasion of his retiring from the service. 31st December, 1908.

—MATRIMONIAL.—News comes from Buenos Aires of the engagement of Mr. Robert William Denton, Local Manager of the Phoenix Assurance Co., to Miss Ethel Auld, of Chacomus.

—His Choice.—The country visitor was doing London, and went to a well-known concert hall. He was particularly to inquire the prices of seats, and the obliging attendant said: "Front seats, two shillings; back, one shilling; programme, a penny." "Oh, well, then," blandly replied the countryman, "I'll sit on a program."

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LONDON NOTES.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4.

Mr. Asquith announced the withdrawal of the Education Bill in the House of Commons yesterday.

The Archbishop of Canterbury presided, yesterday, at a special meeting of the Representative Church Council, called to consider the Education Bill. After a long speech, explanatory of the situation, from the Archbishop, Sir A. Cripps, K. C., moved a resolution declaring inability to accept the terms of compromise embodied in the Bill. The Bishop of Beverley seconded the motion. The Bishop of Salisbury moved an amendment recognizing in the Bill an advance towards a reasonable settlement, but specifying serious amendments as necessary. After a discussion, in which Major Steton Churchill and the Bishop of Southwark spoke in favor of accepting the Bill as a basis of settlement, and the Bishop of Manchester, Lord Hugh Cecil, the Dean of Canterbury, the Bishop of Birmingham, and Lord Halifax took the opposite view, the amendment was rejected, on a division, by 187 to 116 votes. The resolution was then put, when 189 voted for and 99 against it, but it was declared lost, as the Houses were not agreed.

At a meeting held yesterday at Westminster, Mr. Massie, M. P., presiding, it was resolved to form a committee to oppose the extension of the suffrage to women. Among the speakers were Lord Cromer, Mr. Frederic Harrison, Lord Haversham, Sir E. Ray Lankester, Sir West Ridgeway, Mr. Ivor Guest M. P., and Professor A. V. Dicey.

The sale of the Library of Mr. Ambrose Haden was begun yesterday at Sotheby's, when 150 lots realized just over £10,000. A Dutch "black-book" brought £2,000, a Masania Bible £2,050, King Charles the First's copy of the Cambridge Bible £1,000, a copy of the second edition of Cranmer's Bible £405, and an example of the first edition of the whole Bible in English £385.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5.

The International Naval Conference assembled at the Foreign Office yesterday morning. The delegates were received and welcomed by Sir Edward Grey, who, in an introductory address, said they had but one object in view—to assure the success of the Prize Court Convention drawn up at The Hague Conference. Agreement between the delegates would do something to draw together the nations they represent, and would, he trusted, lay a firm foundation on which the International Prize Court might be based. Lord Desart, the first British delegate, was afterwards appointed President of the Conference, and the meeting was adjourned till Monday.

Opening a Church of Scotland labor house in Edinburgh yesterday, Lord Rosebery said the great aim of such institutions was to restore the self-respect of the submerged. Unemployment was the great cause of all countries at present, and he suggested as one reason the prevalence of the idea that a man was too old for efficient work at 40. Then the rapidity of invention had thrown a great number of people out of work; and interference with the freedom of contract made employers reluctant to embark on new enterprises. It was a paramount duty and prerogative of the Christian Churches to deal with the distress caused by these conditions.

Sir G. R. Le Hunte, at present Governor of South Australia, has been appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Trinidad and Tobago in succession to the late Sir H. M. Jackson.

Dr. E. Goss and Mr. H. H. Bagshaw, M.P., have been appointed Trustees of the National Palace Gallery in place of Sir T. D. Gibson-Carmichael and Lord Peel, who have resigned.

Before the Recorder, the trial of the persons charged with conspiring to defraud the board of managers of the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum, and with receiving gifts in violation of the Corrupt Practices Act, was concluded, after occupying the Court for six days. The jury, after long deliberation, found all the defendants guilty, but added that they thought Mrs. Cordery had not been aware of the gravity of the offense, and that she had been greatly influenced by the male defendants. The defendants Pascoe and Albert Smith were each sentenced to 12 months' hard labor; J. H. Smith and Poole each to nine months' hard labor; Linden to six months' hard labor; and Mrs. Cordery to six months' hard labor. Mrs. Cordery to three months in the second division. All the defendants were disqualified for holding a public office for seven years.

A CLAIM FOR DAMAGES

"I am a quiet, unostentatious man, and never have anybody," said the intruder molesting the palms of his hands, and taking a firmer grip of the axe-handle, "but if you don't come down with your own dollars to soothe my irritated feelings, there will be trouble here in Austin."

"Was the boy bitten so very badly by my dog?" asked the terrified owner of animal, who was one of the most timid men in Austin.

"He was bitten just seventeen dollars worth," replied the intruder, swinging the weapon round his head.

"Here is the money," replied the owner of the dog.

The intruder put the money in his pocket, and was about to leave when the proprietor of the dog remarked, "I hope your son was not bitten badly."

"Why, he ain't my son. I haven't got any son."

"Whose son is he, then, and how did you come to demand money of me?"

"He is the son of a friend of mine, who owed me seventeen dollars, and he didn't have any money. The only available assets he had were those dog bites on his son's body, and he turned them over to me for collection, and I have collected them."

"Well, I declare!"

"And, stranger," continued the man with the axe, "if you or any of your family ever get bitten by a dog, and want the damages collected promptly from the owner of the dog, let me know, and I will do it for 25 per cent. commission, and furnish my own axe."

COMMERCIAL

Stock Exchange

Montevideo, Jan. 2, 1908.

Business quiet and for small amounts. Prices rather weak. Sales as follows:—

Mortgage Bonds E \$11,000 at 99 Mon.

Mortgage Bank, 600 shares at 49.30 and 49.20 end of month, 49.80 and 49.70 end of Feb.

Consolidated Debt, \$91,000 at 69.40 cash, 69.40 and 69.30 Mon., 69.80 to 69.60 end of month. London quotation, 70.

Exchange

	Bank	Com'l
L'don 90d/4	51.58	51.16/16.52
Paris 90d/4	5.405	5.44
Amsterd 90d/4	—	5.455
Germany 90d/4	4.40	4.44
N. York	0.97	—
Italy	5.37	—
Spain	5.95	—
Brazil	15.975	16.150
B. Aires	per	1 3/4 dis.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 2.

Galicia, 19.30.
Banco Español, cash, 162.50.
Cataluña, cash, 8.30.
Quilbrón de Fecundación, 42.00.
Iberia Plata Quilbrón, cash, 1.75.
Mecánico de Frutos, 84.00.
Pavimentación, 78.60.
Credito Argentino, 85.90.
Consolidada de la provincia de Buenos Aires, 8 etc (2a serie) al contado, 85.20.
Cédulas Nacionales B, 101.50.
De H, 101.40.
De X, 83.90.
De L, 90.90.
De end of month, 91.60.
De "Venus," and "de la Plata" sales.

MARITIME

Arrivals and Sailings

Montevideo, Dec. 31, 1908.

—St. Venus from B. Aires, 240 pass.

—St. Rio de la Plata, from B. Aires, 264 pass.

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C. Singh, Hon. Sec.

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The twilight of a winter's evening had thickened into darkness, and with the darkness a dense sea fog had rolled up the Solent and smothered Southampton Docks in fold upon fold of clammy whiteness. The Captain of the Royal Mail Steamer on which Sir General Arkwright had been dining accompanied his guest from the vessel to the quay, to give him parting directions.

Sir Gerald waved farewell and started on the course laid down for him. He was a muscularly-made man, with a handsome, determined face, and he walked with the slight swing of the sailor. But in few places is fog so baffling or so dangerous as in a mass of docks. Before he had gone very far he began to feel uncertain of his bearings. Suddenly a sound reached him. He stopped abruptly and listened.

It seemed to him that a cry of mortal terror had rung out close at hand. For fully five minutes he waited, listening intently, but nothing more was to be heard except the faint lapping of the water in the dock against the side of a drifting barge. He pushed his cap back with a gesture of perplexity, and wondered where he was.

It was no use standing still under a dejected-looking crane. So he set out again and promptly bumped against a wooden gangway, one end of which rested on the quay, while the other was presumably on a vessel hidden in the blanket of fog. Arkwright backed away from it with a muffled exclamation of annoyance. As he did so a shadowy figure, distorted in the mist, flitted hurriedly on to the quay. Evidently not noticing Arkwright, the man vanished into the darkness.

A sudden impulse took the young Baronet softly up the gangway. The life belt hanging on the vessel's side bore her name "S.S. Christiania." She was a Norwegian.

The gloom on board was profound. Arkwright felt rather than saw that she was loading a general cargo. Her deck as he stumbled uncertainly along it, seemed to be deserted.

Presently he noticed a faint shaft of light, which came from the cabin skylight aft. He made cautiously for the companion-way. He put his hand on the rail of the saloon stairs, but the next moment he drew it back heavily. It was wet and sticky. His hand was stained with something other than dew.

After his first involuntary pause of horror Arkwright steadied his nerves, and, without again touching the handrail, walked quietly down into the saloon. He paused on the threshold to accustom his eyes to the glare.

It was just the ordinary small cabin of a cargo steamer. A stove, a sideboard and the table with its straight-backed seats pretty well filled it. At the far end a low divan ran round the curve caused by the shape of the vessel.

On it a man was lying as if asleep. Arkwright trod with intentional clatter across the cabin in order to rouse him, but no responsive movement came. He bent down and saw that the man was dead.

Sir Gerald Arkwright was not easily startled. Nor was a dead man a novelty to him, since he had served in the Army in Natal, and had lain for long weary hours amid the awful carcase of Spion Kop. But he recoiled aghast from those staring eyes.

The body was that of a tall dark Englishman of about thirty-five, well dressed, though not in the clothes of a sailor. He had been stabbed, and Arkwright glancing sharply round, saw on the floor the weapon which had been used. He stooped to examine it. It was a curious long-handled dagger, the workmanship unmistakably Japanese. Its thin keen blade and delicately-inslaid handle were covered with blood. This accounted for the blood on the stair-rail.

There was something else—the dagger was scented. As he scrutinized the weapon, unwilling to touch it, the odor rose strongly. Somewhere, cunningly concealed in the intricacies of that handle, carried with mystic legendary signs, was a source of scent. It was strangely pungent, and it reminded Arkwright immediately of a certain gingerbread shop in far-away Tokio, where he had bought perfume one afternoon from a little Japanese girl.

Further investigation was suddenly interrupted. With a start Arkwright became aware that the cabin port holes were open,

and that voices were audible outside on the quay. Several men were approaching rapidly and were speaking in a foreign tongue. There was no helping that poor stiff figure on the divan, and Sir Gerald's instinct warned him that his own safety was imperilled. He ran noiselessly up the stairs. The new-comers had just reached the foot of the gangway, and, recognizing that escape by that means was impossible, he sped swiftly to the other side of the dock. A friendly rope suggested a way to reach a barge which lay alongside dark and unlit. In a minute he was on the vessel, and had shored skilfully out into the dock. The hull of the Christiania was hidden in the fog.

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