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OF THE

ORIENTAL REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY

Capital: 12,000,000 dollars

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Montevideo, 19 of August 1887.

Pedro Bustamante.
President.

Daniel Muñoz.
Secretary.

Emilio Reus.
Managing Director.

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NATIONAL BANK

OF THE

ORIENTAL REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY

BALANCE SHEET FOR JUNE, 1888

ACTIVE

Shares, amount due on	$1,968,708.91
Superior Government	539,669.06
Securities: Commercial Section	11,010,335.51
" Mortgage "	5,503,919.76
Plant and Material for Emission	80,911.62
Negociation of Cedulas	595,298.10
City Mortgages	2,749,900.00
Rural "	763,500.00
Branches,—Emission	1,451,000.10
Cerro-Largo	6,106.35
Florida	600.00
Maldonado	2,007.70
Fixtures	25,000.00
Various debtors	5,778,631.06
Dividends, cupons paid	358,230.00
Cash in hand	3,065,565.18
	$31,028,952.60

PASSIVE

Capital:	$12,000,000.00
Deposits: fixed and premium	125,429.70
" in account current	8,239,213.51
Emission (including branches)	5,751,885.70
Savings Bank	18,914.91
Judicial deposits	468,739.81
Montepio	5,591.76
Cedulas emited, Series A	8,513,400.10
Guarantees of City Mortgages	4,357,215.54
" " Rural "	1,220,733.22
Reserve Fund	43,002.18
Coupons Séries A	105,102.10
Salto Branch	76,229.95
Paysandú "	105,911.93
Colonia "	73,477.67
Durazno "	128,730.36
Soriano "	92,751.45
Rocha Branch	120,546.26
Tacuarembó ditto	115,770.10
San José ditto	149,507.76
Minas ditto	129,943.07
Rio Negro ditto	83,722.18
Canelones	123,081.80
Various Creditors	1,66 .691.25
	$31,028,952.60

Montevideo, 30th June 1888.

Pedro Bustamante.
President.

F. C. Tappon.
Accountant-General.

E. Rous.
Managing Director.

B. Quiñones.
Chief of Emission.

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R. A. Thurburn
MANAGER

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The Express.

MONTEVIDEO, JULY 31, 1888

EXPRESSIONS

—*El Bien* of Sunday contains a short article in reply to Mr. Raleigh's «First Impressions of Buenos Aires» as recently translated by *La Idea*. The writer attributes Mr. Raleigh's adverse judgment to an attack of indigestion, exacerbated by a total ignorance of life outside England. The mere fact that Mr. Raleigh is an accredited correspondent of the London *Times*, a fact which *El Bien* calmly ignores, is sufficient contradiction to so silly an assertion. Moreover, the whole tone of the article, which is a pitiful specimen of the very *un*-serious journalism that prevails on the River Plate, and which contains neither one plain statement of facts nor one pretence at argument, places it quite outside the necessity of any serious reply. The writer reminds us of some spiteful urchin, shooting at an elephant with a pop-gun.

—It is all very well to talk about the *culture* of the River Plate; whatever culture there is, is directly derived from Europe, and if such absurd and unqualified pretensions were not made, there would be no necessity for anger on being told, by those who are best capable of judging, that the copy is, after all, but an indifferent reflex of the original.

—The fair nymphs of the *cazuela* in the Solis Theatre on Sunday night, outdid themselves in chattering, and caused many an indignant hush to be directed towards that quarter of the house. Even the gallery was better behaved. If those ladies only come to the theatre to chatter, they had better remain at home, and then they would not annoy others with their magpie-like propensities.

—The advent of Patti has produced a super abundance of would-be criticism from persons who know little about acting, less about singing, and nothing at all about the marvellous art with which she surmounts all difficulties and lays the world at her feet.

—The *B. A. Standard* of Saturday prints an interesting article on «Personal Recollections of General Boulanger,» from the pen of Mr. R. F. Raleigh.

—Sunday, though rather cold, was a fine bright day, admirably suited for races. Those at Maroñas were well attended, but the favourites were rather out of the running.

—We give to-day cuttings from the *Chilian Times* of June 30 and July 7.

—The use of the revolver and knife seems to be almost as prevailing a vice in Chili as it is here. This may well be called the national vice of South America.

SOLIS THEATRE.

LA TRAVIATA.

We have seen Verdi's beautiful opera several times, and, to our thinking, well performed, but all previous impressions we may have retained are quite swept away and extinguished by the representation we had the pleasure of witnessing at the Solis Theatre on Sunday night. To say that Patti as Violeta eclipsed her former triumphs here would be untrue, for it is impossible to eclipse excellence, but she certainly equalled them and in doing this, reached the highest possible pitch of artistic power.

The unfolding of the history of the unfortunate Violeta, lyrically illustrated by Verdi's dramatic music, is familiar to most playgoers, and, it will be remembered, gives opportunity for the display of the very highest dramatic art, and is a favourite subject with the greatest actresses. Had not Patti, in her vocal rendering of the part been so remarkable, she would still have outvied all competition in her acting. As it was, she earned a double crown. In the first act it was chiefly the singer that enchained our attention. In the duet with Alfredo and in the passionate *scena* that concludes the act, her sweet voice and marvellous vocalisation were heard to the fullest advantage. Once more she emulated the nightingale and lark as only she knows how to do, and once more she roused the audience to a transport of enthusiasm, being recalled again and again. But after this act her vocal powers, although still perfection, were subdued and held in check by her wonderful dramatic art. The singer was lost in the actress, and, with true genius, the music of the part was held subservient to the unfolding of the character. Her scene with Alfred's father, the agonized parting from her lover, the mute pain with which she receives her lover's reproaches at the close of the third act, and the terrible struggles with disease in the last act, were all depicted with true genius, and from a dramatic point of view alone, the performance was one which the greatest of actresses could not excel. When to this comes to be added all the glory of Patti's vocal skill, the whole effect surpasses description, and we have no further recourse left than to say, it was *Patti*, incomparable and sublime.

As Alfredo, Sr. Stagno was rather uneven. In the first act he was hardly in his best form, and even a little uncertain. Later on, however, he warmed to his work, and in the other three acts, especially the last, sang with excellent taste and much delicacy and expression. Still, we cannot rank the performance as one of his best. As old Germont, Sr. Carobbi deserves a good word. His difficult scene with Violeta in the second act was sung with good taste, and was also acted well. His voice is pleasant and he does not force it. For some reason the audience was coldly disposed towards him, although he certainly added to the success of the representation. The other parts were indifferently well filled. The chorus was again below the mark. Sr. Sapio deserves a special word of praise for his conducting. Keeping the orchestra wonderfully under control, he showed great sympathy with the artists and led with infinite tact and delicacy, and not a little of the musical success was owing to him.

Our masculine pen dares not venture on a description of the dresses worn by Madame Patti, nor of the extraordinary display of diamonds she exhibited in the third act, when she must have carried no small fortune round her neck. As they blazed into sight, a wondering murmur of admiration rose from the lips of every lady present, and we are sadly afraid, must have led to not a few breaches of the tenth commandment.

With the exception of a few boxes, the theatre was crowded to excess, and the gallery and *cazuela* were decidedly noisy. The English colony was well represented.

Several papers announced this as Patti's last performance, but we are able to state that it is by no means improbable that she may sing again, although nothing definite has yet been made public.

PHOTOGRAPHING THE LIGHTNING.

Photographs of flashes of lightning appear from a circular just issued by the Meteorological Society to be still in active demand. In response to the Society's appeal of last year some sixty examples have already been received at their offices from various parts of Europe and America; but although these have been interesting in many respects, and have even brought out some meteorological facts which had till then been entirely unsuspected, it is believed that there is still much to be learned by multiplying examples under varying conditions. Hence the Council express a hope that, as the thunderstorm season has now set in, many photographers will be willing to try their hands at a picture of a lightning flash. The operation it is stated does not present any great difficulties. It may even be simply automatic, for it a rapid plate, and an ordinary rapid lens with full aperture, be left uncovered for a short time at night during a thunderstorm, flashes of lightning will, after development, be found in some cases to have impressed themselves upon the plate. The only difficulty is the uncertainty whether any particular flash will happen to have been in the field of view. A rapid single lens is much more suitable than a rapid doublet; and it is believed that films on paper would effectually prevent reflection from the back. The Society in their practical directions add that the focus should be that for a distant object; and that, if possible, some point of landscape should be included to give the position of the horizon.

GETTYSBURG.

North and South in the United States have set an example to the world in their way of making up their old quarrel as much as they did in their way of fighting it out. As may be read in our Foreign News, victors and vanquished are celebrating together the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. The survivors of that fierce fight meet as brothers on the field to raise monuments to their dead; and to rejoice together in the complete extinction of the sectional feeling that led to the war. The sincerity of their reconciliation is not to be called in question, since the Confederates are willing to commemorate the battle that saved the Union. Never did an army need victory more than the army that fought for three days under General Meade to stop Lee in his march on Washington. Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville had almost broken the spirit of the Federals. In each of them they had tried a new commander, specially selected for his task, and had met with bloody discomfiture. When Meade succeeded Hooker, he was the fifth General appointed to that supreme post in ten months. The South was settling down to the belief that it was made of better fighting stuff than its great antagonist, and one more victory might have fixed the conviction for ever on both sides. General Meade's skill and the toughness of the Union soldiers changed the whole aspect of the war. The carnage of Round Top proved that the mettle was as good on one side as on the other, and, with that demonstrated to the satisfaction of the North, the rest was but a foregone conclusion. Meade ought to have his statue by the side of Grant. If there could be anything finer than the way in which the battle was fought, it would be the way in which it is now commemorated. The Americans have created an art of pacification as their contribution to the art of war.

CATTLE AT SEA.

The returns for last year of the loss of cattle in the passage across the Atlantic unhappily show an increased percentage as compared with the previous twelve months. This is attributed to exceptionally bad weather, heavy gales having prevailed during last summer but the chief travelling inspector's report indicates that some portion at least of losses is due to causes that may fairly be called preventible. It is stated to be «the usual practice» when the vessel is ready for sailing to take the cattle direct from the railway cars to the ship, and to put to sea without giving the unfortunate animals rest, food, or water. As many of these have just come off a long land journey in summer heat, or under other circumstances exceptionally trying to their strength, it is not surprising that a considerable proportion die during the first few days of the voyage. On more than one occasion during the past year animals put on board were in such a feeble and jaded condition that some actually died before the vessel cleared the harbour. The ignorance of captains seems also to be a cause of loss. Some masters of vessels who have had a large experience in the conveyance of live stock exhibit remarkable ability in their management, and succeed in passing through bad weather with but little or no loss, while others less skilled, running through the same storm, may lose half the cattle on board. Much, in the opinion of Mr. Tennant, can be done by easing the vessel when the cattle are suffering exceptionally, while an indifferent or inexperienced commander will persist in driving the vessel in a heavy cross sea with the result that scores of the cattle on board sink from fatigue. The most common cause of death of cattle on the Atlantic voyage is what is officially recorded as «exhaustion,» but it seems to be really nothing but suffocation through the closing of the hatchways in bad weather. The great difficulty of attemps at ventilation under these circumstances is that openings which will admit air will necessarily admit water, and thus in a storm are sources of danger to the ship. There appears, however, to be no doubt that the untold sufferings of these unfortunate creatures on the Atlantic voyage might be greatly diminished if only vessels suited to the trade were devoted to this traffic. It is satisfactory at least to know that if last year's returns were unfavourable there has been a considerable improvement since 1880. In that year 37 head of cattle out of every thousand head that were shipped from the United States of America or Canada for British ports were entirely lost; but these figures have gradually decreased, until in 1886 the losses amounted to only eleven per thousand.

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ADVANCE	July 14	Aug. 7	Aug. 10	Aug. 14	Aug. 18	Sept. 9
FINANCE	Aug. 4	Aug. 28	Aug. 31	Sept. 4	Sept. 8	Sept. 30
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IONIC	Kidley	July 21	Aug. 12	Aug. 25	Aug. 30
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AORANGI	4,163	V. A. Turpin	July 26	Aug. 16
RIMUTAKA	5,000	E. O. Hallet, R.N.	Aug. 23	Sept. 13
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TELEGRAMS

(HAVAS AGENCY.)

Berlin 30.

The Emperor William arrived at Copenhagen to-day,

London 30.

A despatch from Simla announces that an English officer and three sepoys that had crossed the Birman frontier to reconnoitre were barbarously assassinated by the rebels of the Arodai tribe. The Commander in Chief is hunting the culprits to inflict an exemplary punishment.

Buenos Aires 30.

Gold closed in the second ring at 155 cash. A further fall is hoped for to-morrow.—The Oriental reporter S. A. accused of trying to levy black-mail by the publication of a novel dealing with the life of a respectable Montevidean family is still in prison and *incommunicado*.—The Club Oriental is preparing a literary soirée for the 25th August.

Minister Wilde will shortly go to Rosario to inaugurate the Port Works there.

Rome, 20

Sr. Crispi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has sent a circular to all Italian Ambassadors and Ministers directing them to inform the powers to which they are accredited that Italy has definitely assumed possession of Massaua and neighbourhood, and will allow no Power to interfere in the internal rule of that country which hence forth forms part of the Kingdom of Italy.

Rome 30.

Through the energetic claims of the Italian Consul General in Aden, Capt. Cecchi, Envoy Extraordinary to Zanzibar, the Sultan Khalifah has acceded to the demands of Italy, and has recognized the cession of land made by his predecessor Saïd Ben Bargash to an Italian Society, and has asked pardon for the discourteous terms he wrote to King Humbert. The incident is now considered closed.

Buenos Aires, 30.

The drawing for the National Guard took place yesterday as arranged, over 16,000 presenting themselves.

Com. Capdevila, Chief of Police, is about to propose to the Minister of the Interior a place for the eventual militarization of the Fire Brigade.

The President of the Provincial Bank has received a telegram from Baring Brothers stating that £240,000 sterling have been shipped to the River Plate.

Yesterday's races were well attended in spite of the violent wind.

José Guiliano was assaulted and robbed of $2,000. last night. His assailant has not yet been caught.

La Patria Italiana publishes a telegram stating that yesterday's municipal elections in Naples resulted in a liberal victory and that the liberal party there intend celebrating their triumph by a demonstration.

A special performance will be given in the Politeama tonight for the French Orphanage, Coquelin taking part.

The Banks still decline to discount. Banco Constructor Shares find no buyers at any price. It is feared that to-morrow's Bolsa auctions will see a heavy fall in all stocks except mortgage cedulas, in which there has been little speculation. There is considerable anxiety respecting the liquidation.

Rio Janeiro, 29.

The «Niger» has just arrived. The Press representatives were met on the mole by all their comrades and were most warmly received.

Buenos Aires 30.

Gold, cash, 158.70.
Do, end of August, 153.
Do, for to-morrow, 159.
National Bank shares, cash, 242. For end of August, 248.
The «Saturno» sails.

COMMERCIAL

STOCK EXCHANGE.

Montevideo, July 30, 1888.

No London telegram arrived to-day. The only sales here in Unifieds were, £23,500 at 70 3/4 cash, and after hours, 1,700 at same price.

National Bank shares were busy, gaining 2 1/2 on the day, and closing steady much at Saturday's prices. Sales were, cash, 80 at 132 1/2, 60 at 133 1/2, 30 at 133 1/4, 110 at 133 1/2, 150 at 134, for to-morrow, 40 at 133 1/2, 216 at 134, 400 at 133 1/2, 100 at 133 3/4, 100 at 134. For end of August, 100 at 135 1/4, 100 at 135, 150 at 135 1/2. After hours, for to-morrow, 40 at 134, 100 at 134 1/4.

In Italian Bank shares sales were, cash 50 at 98 1/4, for to-morrow 200 at 99, for end of August 200 at 100 1/2, 50 at par.

Spanish Bank, 50 at 100 1/2.

Nothing in other stocks.

Exchange.—As follows

	Bank	Commercial
London . d.	51 1/8-1/4	51 1/4-3/8
France . fr.	5.36	5.33 to 5.40
Antwerp . fr.		5.38 to 5.40

Rio Janeiro 9,400 to 9,500 reis per £ nom.
Buenos Aires, bank, 1/4 to 3/8.
Do commercial, at par.
Discounts—7 to 8 1/8 per cent per annum nominal.

MARITIME NEWS

STEAMERS TO ARRIVE

July.	Flag	Name	From
31	German	Pernambuco	Hamburg

STEAMERS TO LEAVE

July.	Flag	Name	To
31	German	Santa Fé	Havre

ARRIVALS.

30th

Spanish str. Cortes from Rosario.
Italian str Europa from Genova with 28 passengers.

SAILINGS.

30th

Belgian str Holbien for Buenos Aires.
English str Mascotte for Buenos Aires.
German str Leiptiz for Buenos Aires.
Italian str Europa for Buenos Aires without passengers.
Spanish str Cortes for Barcelona with 8 passengers.
English str Wandler for Buenos Aires.
Spanish str Esperado for Barcelona'

GENERAL NOTES

Interesting to Mariners.—Wilhelm Meissel second officer of the steamship, *Verra*, of the North German Lloyd, has invented an oil rocket that throws oil over a very large area. The invention consists of the rocket proper and an oil cylinder with an exploding chamber. The cylinder is fashioned of thin tin, soldered at bottom and top, and the exploding chamber is also made of tin and has a hollow tube reaching into the centre of the oil cylinder filled with powder. The rocket may be exploded under water. An interesting trial was made in November last, on a voyage of the steamship, *Verra*, from New York to Bremen. A rocket with an oil cylinder four inches high and a diameter of one and seven-eighth inches was fired at an angle of thirty degrees. It flew one thousand feet in front of the vessel and the cylinder exploded at a height of twenty feet above the water. The oil was distributed over an area of about two thousand feet. Another rocket, a five inch cylinder, was fired at an elevation of fifteen degrees in order to make it explode under water. The feat was accomplished and the oil rose promptly to the surface and was distributed over a vast area a comparatively smooth sea resulting wherever the oil had spread. Experiments were also made in the presence of the imperial commission of Bremerhaven. From the dock of a steamship five large rockets were fired a distance of 4,500 feet and the oil covered an area of 2,000 feet. As soon as the oil had spread the rolling of the sea quieted down.

Vessels in port

AUSTRIAN			
Bque	Cavall. Kroff	Suenrich	316 distress
AMERICAN			
Ship	Hercules	Codie	1215 disch'g
Bque	Moro Castle	Gould	381 distress
BRITISH			
Bque	Ad'haid&Berta	Evans	429 disch'g
Ship	Annie M.Law	Prout	1211 disch'g
Ship	Lizzie Burrell	Johnson	1307 disch'g
Bque	Craigieburn	Welling	1121 distress
Bque	Q of Nations	Sutherland	1162 disch'g
Bque	M.P. Kitchen	Ryan	1672 disch'g
Bque	Bt. American	Flack	1207 disch'g
Bque	Palermo	Walker	729 disch'g
Bktne	Lucille	Williams	511 distress
Ship	Sovereign	Putnam	1231 disch'g
Ship	Etta	Arthurs	1170 disch'g
Ship	Trojan	Mosker	1565 disch'g
Bque	Condor	Mc.Nutt	975 disch'g
Ship	Dominion	Douglass	1276 disch'g
Bque	Lorton	Remington	1380 distress
Bque	Moorhill	Brown	434 disch'g
FRENCH			
Bque	Alsace Lorraine	Oboskie	610 disch'g
NORWEGIAN			
Bque	Themis	Welbye	527 disch'd
Bque	Yosvan	Jandsan	471 disch'd
Bque	Ararat	Axelsen	445 disch'g
Bque	Kundsvig	Evensen	349 disch'g
Bque	Sylphiden	Tredriksen	417 disch'g
Bg	Lillesand	Treilsen	214 disch'g
Ship	Mithassel	Andreasen	1124 disch'g
Ship	Wenera	Larsend	687 disch'g
Bque	Louise	Michelsen	1040 disch'g
Bque	President	Michelsen	716 disch'g
Bque	Cap	Christiansen	601 disch'g
3-m sch	Rjukan	Hellesson	289 disch'g
Bque	Reidar	Johannsen	160 disch'g
Bque	A. Tellefsen	Marcessen	738 disch'g
Bque	Sindore	Abel	813 disch'g
Bque	Ruine	Flainds	1108 disch'g
3-m sch	Palander	Ellepsen	391 load'g
3-m sch	Poseidon	Oxnevad	176 disch'g
GERMAN.			
Ship	Shakespeare	Tetsen	877 distress
Bque	Anna	Hellmers	1287 distress
Bque	A.von.Bippen	Muller	446 disch'g
3-m sch	Clara	Bodege	159 disch'g
SPANISH			
Bque	Fanny	Maristony	405 disch'd
Bg	Dos de Mayo	San Juan	231 disch'g
Bg	Ernesto	Pla	265 disch'g
Bg	Prudente	Pla	198 disch'g
Sch	Mercedita	Isern	250 disch'g
Bktne	Hugo	Sala	220 disch'g
SWEDISH			
Bk	Albatros	Ohlsan	483 load'g
3-m sch	Hilma	Frissell	219 disch'g
Sch	Alcedo	Brandte	224 disch'g
Barca	Widga	Pehlson	620 disch'g
DANISH			
Bg	Sorani	Soransen	229 disch'g
Bg	Haabet	Duhn	227 disch'g
ITALIAN			
Bque	Sirena	Cichero	1130 distres
Bque	Duc Figli	Ottone	384 load'g
Bque	Ida	Gazzolo	589 load'g
Bque	Le Grazie	Chiesa	511 load'g
Bg	Enrichetta M.	Massa	297 disch'g
Bque	P M Piemonte	Casaseyola	467 distress
Bque	M. Dapelo	Oiwari	428 disch'g
Bque	Angeli	Semidei	1121 disch'g
Bque	Giacomo	Bugneth	812 disch'g
Bque	Leonida	Trapaul	600 disch'g
Bg	San Michelle	Telle	400 disch'g

URUGUAYAN NEWS

Solis Theatre.—Aida was repeated on Saturday with fair success. Of Traviata on Sunday an account will be found elsewhere. To-night will be presented Halévy's fine opera *La Ebrea* (*La Juive.*) In this Sta. Gemma Bellincioni, a prima donna already favourably known here, will take the principal part and Sta. Brambilla the second. Stagno and Moretti will be the tenors, and Vecchioni and Mouchero will also sing.

The Races.—Sunday's races at Maroñas were well attended, though not so many ladies were present as usual. The course was in better order than was expected, and the racing very fair, although those who backed the favourites must have been rather out of pocket in the end. The following were the results,—

1. 1700 metres. Ignotus, Siete Pelos, Juez and Ametralladora started, the first named being favourite. Juez, which had only 68 tickets out of 1078 took the lead almost from the first, and won easily. Ametralladora 2 and Ignotus 3. Sport paid $23.53.

2. 1000 metres. Fulminante, Bijou, Noblesse and Escuadron started. Fulminante, favourite, won easily. Noblesse 2. Sport paid $4.17.

3. 1750 metres. Perseus 1, Whiteley (favourite) 2, Infante 3. There was a dispute between the jockeys of the last two horses concerning foul play, but the judges refused to interfere. Sport paid $5.80.

4. 3500 metres. This was the most interesting race of the day. Nine horses started, the favourite being To ceto. The race ended in a dispute, it being asserted first that Abel had won, and then Adios, finally the committee declared a dead heat between these two. Sport paid to Abel $3.85, to Adios 5.13.

5. 1200 metres. Febo, Frison, Ayton and Kimbolton started, arriving in the order named. Frison was favourite. Sport paid $5.55.

6. 1000 metres. Politica 1, Cacique 2, Ignotus 3, Brennus (favourite) last.

The President.—General Tajes returned from his *estancia* in the Cerillos on Sunday afternoon and was present at Solis Theatre in the evening.

La Lira.—The concert in honour of Madame Patti, in the S. Felipe Theatre, will take place on Friday instead of to-morrow, as at first announced. Applications for places should be made at once.

«Otello».—Sr. Ferrari, the operatic impresario, has commissioned Dr. Carlos Maria Ramirez to apply for an injunction to prevent Sr. Ciacchi performing Verdi's latest opera. Sr. Ferrari made the same effort in Buenos Aires, but without success. If the opera wanted advertising this would give it.

Police News.—On Sunday, in the house calle Juncal 233, a woman struck a man who tried to kiss her, over the head with a bottle. Both head and bottle were broken, and the woman was arrested.

At Patagones 100, another Amazon was arrested for striking on the head with a horse-shoe, a man who wished to enter the house against her will.

About 3 p.m. on Sunday an alarm of fire took place in the store of B. Barrere and Co., 25 de Mayo 275, originating in a barrel full of rubbish at the back of the premises. The Bomberos and Police were soon on the spot and extinguished the flames before any serious damage was done. The house and goods are fully insured.

In the 7th section a man was arrested, for having when drunk, entered the house of a friend in calle Carmen, and without other salutation, stabbed him dangerously in the left side.

Two boatmen were arrested yesterday morning for indulging in the luxury of a fight on the passengers mole.

About four o'clock on Saturday afternoon a fire occurred at the house of Col. Lorenzo Latorre, Convencion 239. The fire was caused by children throwing paper on to a lighted brazier, the paper burst into flames which were soon communicated to some clothes hanging near and thence to the furniture and woodwork. The Fire Brigade was soon present, and after half and hour's hard work, got the fire under. The house was occupied by Sr. Conlazo and the damages are estimated at $1000.

On Sunday, the boy Alejandro Pereira fell from the roof of the house Washington 57 to the *patio*, injuring his head considerably.

ARGENTINE NEWS

Military. — The following appointments have been made: — Lieutenant Colonel of 3rd battalion, Rosendo L. Fraga; Lt. Colonel of 12th battalion, Romulo Osorio; Lt. Colonel of 12th battalion, Major Jacobo Fernandez.

Colonel Matoso, Commander of the troops at Martin Garcia, has ordered the imprisonment of a sub-lieutenant and a sergeant who have been guilty of brutal punishment of some of the soldiers.

Dolores—On Thursday night, just after Sr. Jose Pilotto, an ex-deputy and brother of a member of the Convention, had left the Monge 'confiteria' he was attacked by 4 policemen, one of whom gave him a cut on the head which struck him down. Then they took him to the Police Department and struck him twice on the way.

Congress—In Friday's session of the National Senate, a message was received from the E. P. with a petition from Sr. Angel Ferrari asking for a piece national land whereon to erect a theatre. The work, says the message, is undoubtedly of a Municipal character, but the Municipality has pledged all its resources for the execution of works of more pressing and immediate necessity. The proposal is one for endowing the Capital with a theatre worthy of the degree of civilization which it has attained, and, having regard to the fact that establishments of this kind are one of the most powerful elements for the development of culture of a people, the E. P. thinks that the petition is worthy of being taken into consideration. Should Congress adopt the proposal it is suggested that it should take as the bases for the concession the most suitable of the conditions proposed by the petitioner and should add to them such as will tend to give the theatre all the importance and guarantees which the city of Buenos Aires has the right to require, at the same time placing the performances within reach of the greatest possible number of persons.

Messrs. Bridger, Farran & Co. propose to reduce to 15 years the term of the guarantee for the railway from Buenos Aires to Cordoba, provided they are allowed to make it a narrow gauge line, which will reduce the kilometric cost to $18,000.

Sr. Carlos Casado asks for a concession for a railway from Rosario to Pergamino.

The Chamber passed the bill authorizing the sale of the Chacarita lands, comprising 3,260,000 square metres.

CHILIAN NEWS

Valparaiso, June 30.

—A violent outbreak of scarlet-fever has occurred, and is committing terrible ravages among small children. A week or so ago it was reported, on medical authority, that there were upwards 2,000 cases in the city.

—On Sunday, in one of the wards of the model penal establishment, two of the prisoners got drunk, and it was not without considerable difficulty that they were removed and locked up. Shortly afterwards, the other prisoners began to jibe and insult the sentry for having denounced their fellow-prisoners, when the soldier, who belongs to No. 1 regiment of artillery, fired among them, and the projectile struck Juan Labbé in the back, completely perforating him. Not content with this, he fired a second shot, the ball striking Cárlos Soto in the left wrist, and Juan Bautista Araya in the head. The soldier, who we should imagine was in a condition similar to the two prisoners who were removed and locked up, was placed under arrest.

—Mr. Alexander Cochran, the contractor for the Tarapacá Water Works, has arrived in the steamer «Gulf of Trinidad», with the engineers Messrs. Frederick Michael and John Tuckwell, and the secretary, Mr. G. Johnson. The «Gulf of Trinidad» brings out 1,000 tons of piping for this undertaking, which will be an immense boon to Iquique. We wish Mr. Cochran and his coadjutors every success in their enterprise.

—The Transfer Duty (alcabala) has been repealed in the Deputies, and only awaits the sanction of the Senate to become law.

—The condition of Mr. Roberts, the U. S. Minister, has improved very much, we are happy to say, during the past few days.

—We regret to have to announce the death yesterday of, Mr. Peter Guilde, consul-general in Sweden and Norway. The funeral will take place to-morrow.

—An employé of the English railway, named William Gahan, committed suicide by shooting himself at the Plaza del Norte, Callao, on the 9th instant. The deceased was 40 years of age.

—A severe earthquake shock, preceded by a loud subterranean roar, was experienced at Iquique on the 18th instant, at 1.52 p. m. The duration of the shock was 25 seconds, and its direction west to east.

—A violent shock of earthquake was experienced in Arica and Tacna on the 18th instant, about 2 p. m., causing, especially at the former place, much alarm.

—A funeral service in honor of the late Emperor Frederick III. was celebrated yesterday in the Union Church at 11 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Fiedler officiated.

—A race between the gigs of the U.S.S. *Trenton* and *Alert* in Callao harbor on May 31, over a three-mile course, resulted in a victory for the latter. Time: *Alert*, 16 min. 30 sec.; *Trenton* 18 min.

—Mr. Henry Buckland has taken charge of the British vice-consulate in Iquique, during the absence of Mr. Maurice Jewell, who has gone on a visit to England.

—The crews of the English vessels lying in Coquimbo were disembarked on the 20th instant, for exercise on the plain at Guayacan. The admiral arrived on the ground at 10.30 a.m., and reviewed the men. At 10.30 they returned on board, and at noon, royal salutes were fired by the ships in honor of the Queen's accession to the Throne.

July 7.

—A new Chinese embassy has arrived in Lima, and was welcomed by a turn out of 2,000 Mongolians. One of the attachés died of yellow-fever on the voyage between Panamá and Guayaquil. The body was disembarked at the latter place, and after being embalmed was put into a barrel of spirit for conveyance to Lima, where it was buried in the cemetery.

—During the past few days signs of smoke have been observed about the summit of the Llaima volcano.

—On the 24th ult. the miners and laborers of the Todos Santos mine, Santa Rosa, Tarapacá, to the number of 500 got drunk and commenced rioting, and two of the principal employés were injured.

—The new commodore of the P. S. N. Co.'s fleet, is Commandar Robert Potts, who hoisted his flag on the *Puno* on the 9th instant, at Callao.

—The Government has been officially notified that France has established a protectorate in Tutuma Island, Wallis archipelago.

—Messrs, Agustin and Arthur M. Edwards have given 4,000 dollars each for the relief of the sufferers by the late inclement weather.

—The damage done by the rain, the overflowing of creeks, bursting of sewers, inundations, walls washed away, the collapse of huts and hovels, and leaky roofs is incalculable. Tramcar traffic has been totally suspended on two occasions, owing to the obstruction of the line, and is now only partially in operation, traffic to the west of the Intendencia being impossible, a long stretch of the calle de Cochrane, from the English Hotel westward, being under water. When the damage comes to be reckoned up, the bill will probably foot up not less than 100,000 dollars, and this is only the first instalment of what may be expected during this winter.

—We regret to have to announce the death of Captain W. H. Weston of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's steamship, *Colombia*, which occurred in the Company's hospital at Callao on the 21st ult. The funeral, which was superintended by the Company's manager in Callao, Mr. George Sharpe, took place in Bellavista cemetery on the 23rd ult.

—A strong earthquake shock was felt at Iquique on the 27th ult., at 4.20 p. m.

—A violent but short earthquake shock occurred at Copiapó on the 29th ult., at 1.15 p. m.

SINGULAR TORPEDO ACCIDENT AT PORTSMOUTH.

A strange accident occurred in Portsmouth Harbour about half-past eight on Saturday morning June 30. The Fire Queen, a vessel of 466 tons, commanded by Captain Philips, and serving as the Port-Admiral's yacht, was lying at her usual moorings off the Gosport shore. The Severn was at a buoy off the King's stairs, some 700 or 800 yards from the Fire Queen. The Severn is a protected cruiser of the Mersey class of about 4,000 tons. She was on Saturday morning preparing for a trial of her torpedoes in Stokes Bay, under the supervision of Captain S. Long, of the Vernon Torpedo School. Probably to save time at the trial, the Severn's torpedo tubes had been loaded, with of course uncharged torpedoes. The ordinary mode of discharging a torpedo from the tube is by the presure of a button in the conning tower. It is possible however, for the mechanism by accident or design to be touched at the end of the tube and the torpedo thus discharged. Whether this was so on Saturday morning will, of course, be a matter of searching inquiry. But whatever the cause of the discharge the result was alarming and serious. The captain of the Fire Queen was not on board, and the boatswain was the officer then in charge. The crew were engaged in their ordinary occupations, and a few joiners and painters were completing the work in hand when they were startled by a violent shock, the result of a heavy blow near the ship's stern. It was soon discovered that a hole had been made, and that the ship was taking water rapidly. Signals for aid were promptly answered. A party from the Duke of Wellington flagship, lying close by, soon put off under Commander Cook, with a manual pump, and the Grinder and Manly tugs got to work with their suction hose. By this means the Severn's deck was relieved of a considerable body of water. A diver who had been hastily summoned, was also sent down. He discovered that immediately under the counter (which is near the stern), and some four feet below the water line, a hole about four or five inches in diameter had been made in the iron bottom of the ship, bulging in the outer plate some three-eights of an inch thick, tearing through the woodwork and breaking away the inner casing. The hole, through which the water was of course pouring, was plugged with oakum and a mat was hung over the ship's side. The hole had beyond all doubt been made by a dummy torpedo discharged from the Severn's tube. The discharge of a torpedo under such conditions is unprecedented, and not a little astonishment has been created at the amount of damage which even a dummy can by mere punching inflict on the iron bottom of a ship. The monetary loss will not be very serious, but had the Fire Queen been at Spithead, where aid would not have been so accessible, it is more than doubtful if she could have been kept afloat. As it is, the vessel was in the course of the day got safely into dock, where her bottom was carefully examined, and where her repairs will once more be carried out. The Port Admiral and the Vice-Admiral of the Channel Squadron were absent on duty in London at the time of the disaster, but on their return a court of inquiry will immediately be summoned.

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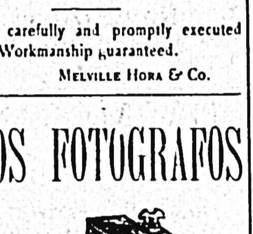
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FOREIGN NEWS

THE SITUATION IN ZULULAND.

Capetown, July 1.

The 1st Battalion Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment), with Artillery and Gatling guns, sailed hence to-day for Zululand to join the force under Lieutenant-General Smyth.

It has been ascertained at the War Office that the regular troops immediately available in Natal and Zululand, for service in connection with the serious troubles reported, are the Inniskilling Dragoons, a field battery of the Royal Artillery, and the 1st Battalion of the North Staffordshire Regiment, the whole commanded by Colonel Stabb. Besides the 1st Battalion of the Royal Scots, already ordered to the front from Capetown the only moveable troops in the Cape Colony are the 1st Battalion of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; but both at the Cape and in Natal there are many very efficient Mounted Volunteer corps, besides Infantry and Artillery, which have been used with good effect in previous Zulu troubles. Lieut.-General Smyth is in supreme command.

THE GREAT LOCK-OUT IN PENNSYLVANIA.

New York, July 1.

The great lock-out of ironworkers in Pennsylvania and the Western States began on Saturday. Eighty mills employing 100,000 men were closed because the men refused to submit to a reduction of 10 per cent. in their wages. It is thought that the lock-out will continue for two months at least. There is little antagonism between the men and their employers, as the former are glad to escape work during the hot weather, and the latter find the market so dull that they are quite willing to stop producing.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

New York, July 1.

The first week since the Republican nomination has closed with the tide of popular opinion running strongly against Mr. Harrison, chiefly because of the free whiskey «plank» of the Republican platform. Protests against this are made by the leading religious newspapers of the country and by clergymen, and it is evident that the Republicans will lose many votes which heretofore have been invariably theirs. The following remarks made by Mr. Harrison in his speech in March last are quoted with telling effect against him:—«I am one of those uninstructed political economists who have an impression that some thing may be too cheap. I cannot find myself in full sympathy with this demand for cheaper coats, which seems to me necessarily to involve a cheaper man and woman under the coat.» The Democrats charge him with being opposed to cheap clothes, but in favour of cheap whiskey, and are likely by this means to neutralise the Demagogic claim of the Republicans that a low tariff means low wages. A passage from Mr Blaine's Paris letter is also used with much effect against the free whiskey plank, for in it he strongly opposed the repeal of the whiskey tax, saying: «There is a moral side to it. To cheapen the price of whiskey is to increase its consumption enormously. There would be no sense in urging the reform wrought by the high licence in many States if the national Government neutralises the good effect by making whiskey within the reach of every one, at twenty cents a gallon. It would destroy the high licence at once in all the States.» Similar views by other Republican leaders are also quoted, while the leaders and journals find themselves unable to make any defence. The party is, in fact, already making a desperate effort to get away its own platform. Instead of frightening the country by the cry that the Democrats are in favour of Free Trade, they discover that the moral sense of the country is in open revolt against their own position in favour of free whiskey. The Democrats are jubilant. Another drawback to Mr. Harrison's candidacy is found in the selfish conduct of the defeated Blaine faction. Their newspapers give Mr. Harrison only a half-hearted support, and devote themselves mainly to violent attack upon the members of the party who defeated the Blaine plot. The situation of course may change when the active campaign opens, but the fact is undeniable that the Republicans have made a very poor start. The betting is five to three in favour of Mr. Cleveland.

THE MARRIAGE OF THE DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH

New York, July 1.

After being married by the Mayor on Friday, the Duke of Marlborough sought in vain to find an Episcopal clergyman to perform the religious service. All refused because one of the parties had been divorced. Finally a Baptist Minister was discovered who consented, and the service was performed early in the evening.

THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG.

New York, July 1.

The celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg began on Saturday upon the field and will continue during several days. Thousands of veterans from the Northern and Southern Armies were present, fraternising in the most cordial manner. The survivors of nearly every regiment which took part in the battle have erected a monument of some kind to the memory of their comrades, who fell, and the field is studded with these in all directions. The first few days of the celebration will be devoted mainly to unveiling them. An address will be delivered by Mr. George William Curtis. The attendance from all parts of the country is very large, and the celebration bears impressive testimony to the fact that sectional bitterness about the war has completely disappeared.

GENERAL SHERIDAN.

New York, July 1.

General Sheridan was taken yesterday on board a naval steamer and started on the journey to his country residence on the seacoast of Massachusetts. The physicians hope that the change will benefit him. He bore the removal from the house to the steamer well, and began the journey under the best possible conditions.

THE PARIS SALON

Paris, July 1.

The receipts of this year's salon amount to 13,227*l.*, as against 13,031*l*, last year, which was an exceptional one. A larger balance, however, will remain in the hands of the Society of French Artists, a sum of 630*l*, having been given last year for the relief of the victims of the Opera Comique fire. The number of free admissions is on the increase, being 514,590, as against 273,130 in 1887. The most crowded day this year was Sunday, May 13, when there were 5,300 visitors in the morning and 37,800 in the afternoon. Sunday afternoon is always free. The proceeds of the Salon are used for the relief of distressed and the encouragement of young artists.

RUSSIA AND CENTRAL ASIA.

St. Petersburg, July 1.

On the Imperial estate near Merv a capacious mansion is being built. It will be large enough to serve as an imperial residence should the Czar pay a visit to Central Asia.

SIKKIM AND THIBET.

Simla, June 30.

It now appears that the messengers who recently arrived at Gnatong wished to talk, on behalf of the Lamas, only with the Sikkim officials. The Thibetans shown no desire to enter into negotiations for peace with the Indian Government. A force of eight thousand men is reported to be near Jelapla, and spies state that a warlike feeling prevails among the Lamas.

THE EGYPTIAN DEBT.

Cairo, July 1.

A rumour is current, although at present not officially confirmed, that the negotiations for the conversion of the Priviliged Debt are to be resumed. Sir Edgar Vincent will leave here for England on the 3rd inst. Blum Pacha starts to-morrow for Italy on leave of absence.

THE COTTON CROP IN EGYPT.

Alexandria, July 2.

The monthly report of the Alexandria Produce Association states that June was favourable to the cotton plant prospects. The crop was good, equal to that of last year at the same date. The worms, as usual, appeared in June, but to a less extent than in former years. The water supply is satisfactory. The official figures of the acreage of the cotton crop are wanting.

THE EGYPTIAN MINISTRY.

Alexandria, July 2.

Riaz Pacha's Ministry has settled down into regular working order, and Sir E. Baring is perfectly satisfied. Contrary to the pessimist opinion of a small minority, the general feeling is that Riaz Pacha will have a long lease of office. Blum Pacha, the Minister of Finance, left for Europe to-day. Sir E. Vincent leaves on Wednesday. Sir E. Baring leaves on the 11th. The ill-advised scheme for the undue taxation of trades and professions is postponed for the present.

THE STANLEY EXPEDITION

Liverpool, July 2.

The British and African Company's steamer Volta, which arrived here today, brings despatches from Banana, dated May 17, giving some further details of the report furnished by Mr. Herbert Ward regarding the Stanley Expedition when he visited the mouth of the Congo in April last. Mr. Ward reported that the garrison of Major Barttelot's camp at Aruwhimi had suffered considerably from lack of food and from ill-health, the camp being surrounded by swampy districts. He further stated that reconnoitring parties sent out from the garrison along the route followed by Mr. Stanley had reported having passed quantities of human bones. The inference drawn was that fighting had occurred between Mr. Stanley's force and the natives. Major Barttelot had expected to be reinforced by Tippoo Tib, but when Mr. Ward left the camp the Arab Governor had not arrived, a fact the more serious because of the privations suffered by the garrison owing to the want of food, which it was supposed Tippoo Tib would relieve. It was believed that Mr. Stanley and his party were not more than five hundred miles beyond the Aruwhimi camp, in the direction of Khartoum, and Major Barttelot was contemplating striking his camp and pushing on after the expedition.

RUSSIA AND CENTRAL ASIA

St. Petersburg, July 2.

The Russian steamer Czar is endeavouring to ascend the Amu Daria from Chardsjui to Karki, a distance of about 150 miles. Another vessel is steaming from Petro Alexandroffsk to Chardsjui. The Khan of Khiva wishes a telegraph to be constructed between the latter place and Khiva.

THE SPANISH CORTES

Madrid, July 2.

The session of the Cortes was virtually closed to-day with the vote of the Budget by the Senate after protracted debates with the Protectionists, whose amendments were all defeated. The Government declared that it intended to persevere with the present tariff policy. The treaties of commerce cannot be altered until 1892, when they expire. To-morrow Senor Sagasta will read in both Houses the decree prorogating the session. It is understood that the Cortes will reopen in November. The new alcohol duties came into force on July 1, thus increasing the cost of wines, which are regularly fortified now even for home consumption.

THE DANISH PRESS.

Copenhagen, July 2.

The Danish Press Association entertained today the representatives of the foreign Press in this city. It is understood that the latter will return this politeness in a short time.

THE LOCK OUT IN AMERICA

New York, July 2.

The men in ten more Western iron mills have signed the wages scale drawn up by the workers. The masters, however, declare their resolve not to yield.

THE UPS AND DOWNS OF LIFE.

It is a strange country, Africa, and one meets with some curious specimens of humanity there. The son of a well-known admiral died in poverty at Pinetown, his last employment being that of a waiter; the nephew of a noble lord is a billiard-marker at —; the cousin of an eminent clergyman, peripatetic loafers; and the editor of a leading London paper, a third-class actor; a scion of an old Suffolk family, a carpenter, and of another good county family, a Zulu trader; while the Cape Mounted Rifles possess many a sprig of nobility. These vicissitudes of fortune are, of course, conspicuous in all colonies, and in the United States more so than in British dependencies. Apropos of the United States, there is a trait of the colonial character resembling the American I must not forget to mention — that is to say, the unthinking and refreshingly careless manner in which a tourist (American or Africander) will spend his «entire pile» in England or on the continent before returning to his home, and then trust to Providence to make another. Hope, faith, and courage are here portrayed. A little narrative which bears upon the delightfully *insouciant* attitude of colonists with regard to money matters may not be out of place. A Natalian had occasion to visit the Mauritius. He discovered when on board ship that he had left his portmanteau at his hotel, containing £1,250 in banknotes. Instead of hurriedly returning, he sent a policeman for it, but the messenger had not come back when the ship sailed. He merely remarked, «Well, I suppose I have lost my money, but if I have any luck I will soon pick it up again in Mauritius.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

—There were visitors at the Skinner school the other day, and a class was put on exhibition. "Now" said the teacher, "can you tell me anything about heat?" A small boy held up his hand. "Well, sir?" "Heat expands; cold contracts." "Very good; now give an example." "In summer the days are long; in winter the days are short." Great applause by the visitors, and the small boy takes his seat.

—The proposal to erect an Armada Memorial on Plymouth Hoe recalls a story told of the late H. J. Byron, and well know in theatrical circles. Byron was in Plymouth with a theatrical manager who did not excel in the management of the aspirate. "Shall we take a walk round the 'Oe?' suggested this worthy gentleman. "Yes", said Byron; and, while we are about it, we may as well go round the H also."

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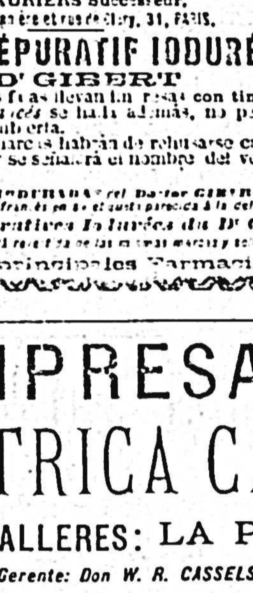
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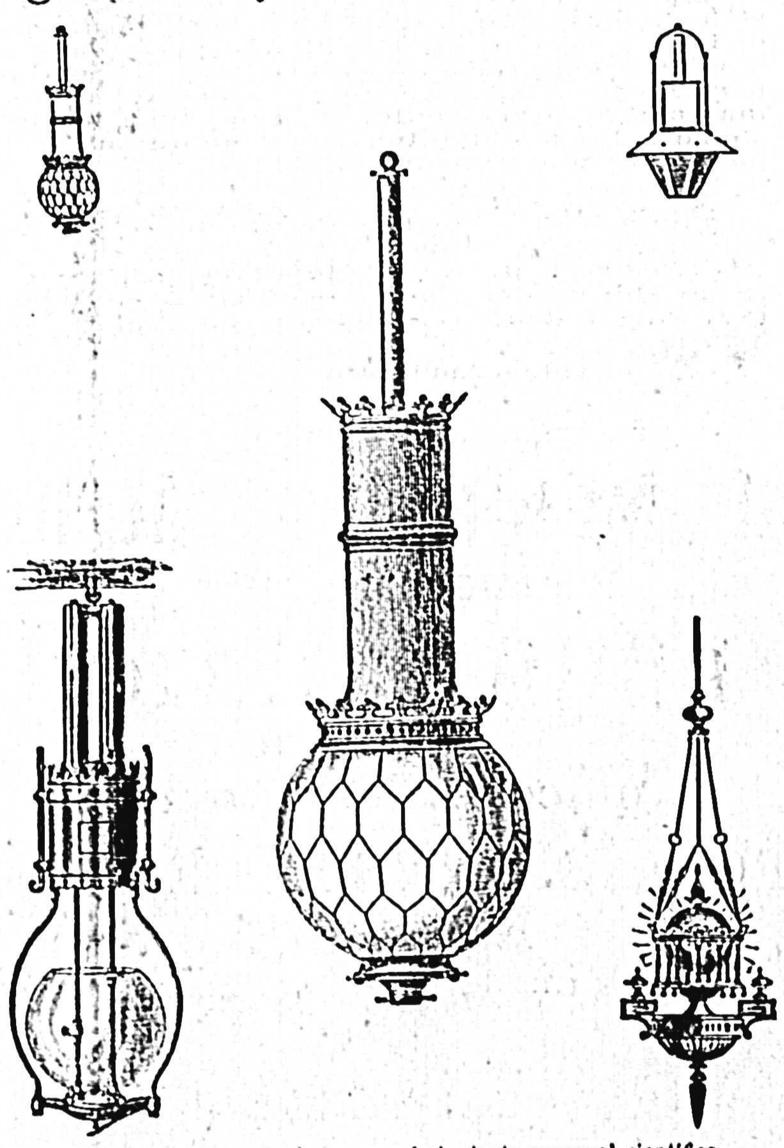
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