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NEWS OF THE DAY

MONTEVIDEO WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9, 1898... The Waterworks Company...

THE WATERWORKS COMPANY. When certain native papers raised a great outcry, not long ago, over alleged abuses committed by the Montevideo Waterworks Company...

Mr. Ribero commences by citing the various contracts between the Waterworks Company and the Government. The original concession of the Company dates from Dec. 4, 1897, and grants the Company certain privileges and exemptions...

We do not know that the Report needs much further criticism. Mr. Ribero proceeds throughout on the false assumption that the Government can, of its own free will rescind an existing agreement...

This Decree, it will be observed, takes the form of a provisional contract which cannot be revoked without consent of both parties. On that basis the matter remains to the present day, the Chambers not having yet considered any new contract...

the Company still enjoys its exemptions and privileges (without which it would be unable to supply water at its present price)

Mr. Ribero next refers to the vexed question of the water metres, recalling that they have not been converted to the metric system, though he recognises that they were exonerated from this obligation by Government Decree. (If Mr. Ribero had taken the trouble to enquire at the Company's Offices, he might have learnt that the metres are being converted as rapidly as circumstances connected with the expense and labour will allow.)

But neither in this, nor in any other point, has Mr. Ribero taken the trouble to inform himself of the facts, or to enquire if it would be possible for the Company to work on the conditions he lays down. His whole statement is purely an ex parte one, and not the impartial enquiry into both sides of the question which it should be.

He then protests against the monthly charge made for rent of the water metres, and pretends to show that the Company has received \$29,100 the year, or \$785,700 in 27 years for the hire of metres without one of these ever becoming the property of the consumer. It must be granted that of the various complaints urged against the Company, the charge for rent of the water metres is the one most founded, but even in this there is something to be said on the other side, namely that the water metre is a delicate instrument and (as we are informed by the Manager) costs on an average 30 cents a month, almost the amount of the rent, to keep it in repair. Moreover, his calculation is a specious one, for the Company has not had 5000 metres in use throughout its 27 years of existence.

Then suddenly Mr. Ribero launches forth the terms of the new contract which, according to his ipse dixit, the Government should enforce upon the Company. The principal points of this are, reduction of the general rate to one half (20 cents per 1000 litres under 30,000 litres, and 15 cents over 30,000 litres); the Government tariff being one-half of the new minimum, complete abolition of the charge for rent of water metres, provision of 50,000 litres monthly to the Caridad Hospital free of charge; and prohibition of the Company from cutting off the service for any reason without a judicial order.

Should the Company refuse these purely arbitrary conditions, then, says Mr. Ribero, the Government, without listening to any further argument, should withdraw all its present privileges and exemptions, charge duties on all the material it imports, enforce immediate change of all the metres to the metric system and subject them to yearly examination at a charge of \$2 each (costing the Company some \$10,000 the year) make a charge of 6% on its gross receipts for the use of the public streets, impose a tax of 3% on its profits, and finally appoint an interventor to take charge of its accounts. These terms, we need hardly say, are simply impossible, and would mean the immediate suspension of the water service and a diplomatic claim to follow.

Company regarding a new contract in which its interests shall be reconciled as far as possible with those of the public. This is the proper, and indeed the only just, mode of procedure.

POLITICAL NOTES

The Council of State did not hold its usual sitting on Monday. There is little novelty in political circles. The undercurrent of revolutionary alarm has received a fresh impetus by the arrest in the capital, late on Monday evening, of Commandant Riffaud. This worthy, ex-inspector of the extra-mural police, took a prominent part in the military mutiny of July 4, but was not one of those included in the Decree of Deportation. He is now accused, we understand, of attempts to subvert, with seditious purposes, men of the police service and of his former squadron. It is said that there are others implicated in the attempt, of whose arrest we may expect to hear shortly. This is the only incident worth repeating, though there is the usual stock of wild rumors. Telegrams from the frontier continue to report all tranquil, though there have been some alarms of the usual description. The tales about encounters between the police and armed bodies of men are probably fabricated in Buenos Aires.

In an interesting article yesterday's Siglo examines the good and the bad points of the present electoral situation and comes to the conclusion that, although it is far from faultless, it is in most respects a great advance on its predecessors. The national and constitutional parties have named their thirty-two representatives with complete independence and in the "colorado" party, although official influence has been at work, it has not been all-powerful and has, as a matter of fact, allowed itself to be defeated in several cases, including Montevideo. The Siglo regrets that any attempt had been made to use official influence at all, in which case no reproach could have been made on this score against the composition of the future Chambers.

The Athletic Sports

Letter to the Editor. Dear Sir,—In the programme of the Athletic Sports, to take place on 8th Dec, I notice that "Any event for which fewer than four entries have been sent in, will be omitted from the programme."

Now in my opinion this is a distinctly retrograde movement, and one not likely to increase the popularity of the Sports, fill the Exchequer or conduce in any way to the well being of the Amateur Athletic Association. If the above Rule remains in force, I think it very likely that several of the most interesting Events will not take place, such as the Mile, Hurdles and Steeplechase, in which the entries are never very numerous, as can be proved on referring to previous programmes, which show a decided falling off; account also should be taken of the reasonable supposition, that when competitors who have prepared for those or any events, find that their exertions have been unrewarded by reason of the Rule aforesaid, they are likely next year to be guided by this year's experience, and not enter at all, in which case, it is not improbable that some Events will not produce a single entry!

In carrying out the above Rule, six Events may possibly not find a place on the Programme on the day of the Sports, owing to the lack of the requisite number (four) of entries, although these same Events may each have three good men and true entered for them, some perhaps from Buenos Aires, who at considerable trouble and expense come here to compete, and might possibly raise the Records of Events, that sadly require it, at any rate very good times have been made here with only three competitors; the Rule also lends itself to Entries being made by combination, to fill up the requisite four, which I think is not at all desirable, besides leading to other irregularities.

Steps I think might be taken to make the Sports more popular than at present amongst the native element, which requires waking up, most of the principal families are kept quite in ignorance of the existence of the Montevideo Amateur Athletic Association. A few effective paragraphs in the papers some weeks before the Sports, calling attention to them, would, I think, do no harm; in this respect a lesson might perhaps be taken from the energetic Albion Football Club. In the Regulations as printed, no mention is made as to the disposal of Funds received for the Entries under four in number, would these be retained or returned? I remain, etc. J. S.

THE OLDEST ACCOUNT OF THE DELUGE

NEW YORK OBSERVER. Considerable interest has been aroused in Biblical and archaeological circles by the discovery of another tablet containing the story of the Flood, dating from the Abrahamic age, and bearing traces of being a copy of a much earlier document. Father Cheil, a distinguished French Assyriologist, has been the happy discoverer of this valuable find, the contents of which he made public at a meeting of the Oriental Congress in Paris. It is natural that a comparison of the first text of the Flood found by George Smith on the famous tablet now in the British Museum, and the recent discovery of the new version of the Flood-legend by the French explorer, should be made, and not, it appears, without advantage to the increasing credibility of the Penitential record. Owing to the fragmentary and imperfect nature of the text, the French tablet, which consists of the left-hand portion of a tablet of eight columns, gives little fresh knowledge concerning the Deluge. It would be more correct to describe it as an introduction to another version of the story of the Flood, which may yet be unburied.

One of the differences from George Smith's tablet, for instance, is the mention of a swallow, and, on other even more important points, the recently discovered text on the Babylonian deluge represents the recession, differing from that published by George Smith in the seventies. Apart, however, from the fact that Scheil's tablet, as far as can be made out, bears a distinct resemblance to the more complete text deciphered by Smith over twenty years ago particularly the patriarch, Pii-Napilish, or the Babylonian Noah appearing in both texts, as the favoured of the god "Aa," who warns and instructs him to build a ship; yet the great value of Father Scheil's discovery is in the striking indication the time worn and mutilated tablet supplies as to its date. Together with the inscription of the scribe's name, the date itself was fixed, with trustworthy accuracy, about 2000 B. C. Mr. Pinches does not think that it could be less than 2000 B. C., and might be even earlier. The worth of the fragment is additionally enhanced by its excavation at a place where, tradition says Noah buried the records. Not improbably there was a common origin for these stories of the Flood, and there was evidence that the Babylonians regarded the Assyrian god "Aa," who, as previously observed, gave the order for the building of the ark, as identical with the God of the Hebrews. There is likewise proof that another fragment discovered by Smith relating to a deluge, is really part of the third tablet of the Scheil series, leading to the interesting conclusion that we have here the beginning of a second Babylonian account of the Flood, which further discoveries may make as complete as the Gilgames legend, to which the precious British Museum tablet belongs.

Unquestionably, special interest attaches to the language of the tablets under review. That that used in the Hebrew narrative, which was manifestly the most ancient in character, this, belonging to the Smith and Scheil tablets, was much more modern in style. On this important feature, a writer acutely observes that the tablet text "Elahist" or "Yahvist" writer in Genesis, but with the supposed combination of the two documents in that book as finally edited. Since one of these writers is stated to be the higher critic to be of the seventh century B. C., it is difficult, as the discoverer remarked, to see how the literary analysis of the Pentateuch can be any longer maintained. The discovery shows the minute care and accuracy with which the literature of the extreme past was handed down. Edition after edition had been publishing the story of the Deluge, and yet the fact of the Abrahamic age and that of the seventh century B. C. agrees even to the spelling of the words. It is clear that many of the hasty conclusions of scholars will have to be revised.

SUNDRIES

Many happy returns to that most popular man H. E. H. the Prince of Wales, whose 57th birthday it is to day. One of the attractions of the grand spectacular ballet to be produced at the Solis Theatre to-morrow will be the charming and characteristic music composed by Josef Bayer, the Director of the Hofoper-theater at Vienna, where the ballet originated. Selections of this music for piano and other instruments, may be had from Mr. J. Herrera, Calle 25 de Mayo 259, who has a monopoly of its sale for the River Plate. Among the selections are a waltz, polka, quadrille, march, etc. The latest from Rome is the announcement of the engagement

of Miss Isolina Moreno, daughter of the Argentine Minister, to Prince Troubetzkoy, the Russian Ambassador in Rome. The young lady will be well remembered in Montevideo, during her father's residence as Minister here.

The B.A. Standard hears on excellent authority that the new manager of the Great Southern Railway is a Mr. Barfield at present managing the Costa Rica Railway, but who has had experience of railway work in this country, having formerly been one of the engineers on the line to which he now comes as manager. We presume that Mr. Copinger Walshe takes Mr. Barfield's place in Costa Rica. The little Central American Republic is a very nice place, but its railway would not be a decent feeder, we imagine, for the Octopus of Argentina.

The concert of the Beethoven Society on Monday evening was largely and fashionably attended, and brought the Society's season to a worthy conclusion. The playing of the orchestra was excellent throughout and special mention must be made of the selections from Massenet and Handel's "Largo" in which the violin solo was splendidly executed by Sr. Scarsbelli. Sr. Calvo's composition for harmonium and strings was well applauded, as also the two pianoforte pieces played by Miss Aizaga. The whole Concert was a great success.

That tremendous melodrama "Mary Menotti, the Maniac of the Alps" will be repeated at the Cibils Theatre this evening. We hear that it is very amusing. It had to come. A prominent Buenos Aires paper, La Tribuna, referring to the recent tragedy there, paints the unmitigated ruffian Acosta as a model Argentine, and extols the bravery with which, when he found himself unjustly attacked by two murderous Englishmen, he defended himself and sold his life dearly! This exactly bears out what we said yesterday; that the native press frequently takes the part of the murderer. It is by no means the only instance in which we have seen native papers extol ruffianism and crime, and convert into heroes men who in civilised eyes are abominable, brutal and cowardly murderers who ought to be lynched on the scene of their crimes. The propaganda of the English and other foreign papers is of very little use so long as prominent native papers can be found to take such entirely perverted views of crime and of criminals.

We see by the Standard that the Italians in Buenos Aires have had a grand "street parading pow-wow." We are not at all clear what this may mean, but we hope they enjoyed him. The Standard omits to tell us whether they took him hot or cold. "Pow-wow" according to our limited lights and those of the dictionary is an Indian word signifying magician or sorcerer, also, an incantation. What the Standard may intend to mean is beyond our ken. It is peculiar how quite a number of persons here found that urgent business demanded their presence in Buenos Aires on the day that the "Yeomen of the Guard" was played. The coincidence is quite remarkable. The third and last performance of the opera will be given to-morrow, at reduced prices, so those of our readers who wish to see it had better make their business arrangements accordingly. A Madrid telegram says that the Spanish press is unanimous in protesting indignantly against the supposition that the Government is inclined to cede the Philippines to the United States, on the condition that a greater indemnity is given than that now offered. The fall of Sagasta's Cabinet is predicted on the same day that such rumors are officially confirmed. On the other hand, a Washington telegram says that President McKinley and his Ministers continue to believe that there will be no rupture in peace negotiations on account of the Philippines. They think that Sagasta's Cabinet will accept the proposals already made to it and will give up the islands in return for an indemnity. Nothing definite can be made out of such conflicting statements. Here's a gossiping paragraph from the B.A. Standard.—Captain Benj. Manton, to whose recovery from a severe attack of influenza we alluded in our last issue perhaps the oldest foreign resident in the Plate. He came out here as far back as 1852, in command of a U. States war vessel. Few men have

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The contract has been published by which the Municipality definitely renews the concessions of the Oriental Tramway Company for an undivided term of 25 years, at a monthly rent of \$500 and of 50 free passages for the use of Municipal employees. This dates from the 1st instant and expires in 1923.

The marriage was celebrated on Monday, by both Catholic and Protestant rites of Mr. Carlos J. Shaw to Miss Emma Pareja, and proved a very fashionable event, the elite of native society and many English families attending. A large number of relatives and friends came over from Buenos Aires for the occasion, including the families of Messrs. John, Alexander and Edward Shaw, Thomas and George Bell and Carlos Bollini.

There is a report from Cairo, requiring confirmation, that the Caliph in the Sudan has been captured or has surrendered. Lord Kitchener is determined to push on the construction of the railway to Omdurman and has contracted six metal bridges for the purpose. The Paris papers have started a report that Germany will take Zanzibar as price for its consent to the British occupation of all Egypt.

A telegram announces the death in his 81st year of Mr. Thom as Bayley Potter, ex-M. P. for Rochdale, President of the Cobden Club, and for thirty years a vigorous parliamentary upholder of the Cobden doctrine of free trade. He was a thorough radical of the Manchester school, and also, physically, the biggest man in the House of Commons.

The naval preparations in England continue, and the telegrams are as puzzled as ever to know what they portend. The secret will come out some day. Meanwhile they seem to be causing equal anxiety and curiosity in Europe.

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doctrines and practices of the Church of England which were touched by existing disputes. Taking as his introductory subject 'The Doctrine of the Holy Eucharist' the Archbishop set forth the views of Roman and Eastern Communions, expounding the limitations expressed in the Anglican articles and formularies.

Two new panel pictures were unveiled by the Lord Mayor in the Royal Exchange yesterday. One was presented by the Corporation of London, the other by Mr. Carl Meyer. Both pictures are painted in and on materials intended to preserve them from the early decay which damaged and destroyed the frescoes in the House of Parliament.

Mr. John Patterson, who was shot by an old employe at Newington butts, on Friday last, died from his injuries in Guy's Hospital, yesterday.

A woman described as Dr. Nancy Alice Guildford was again brought up for extradition at Bow-street yesterday, on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the Yellow Mill Pond tragedy. The necessary papers not having yet been received from the United States there was a further remand.

COMMERCIAL

STOCK EXCHANGE. Montevideo, Nov. 8, 1898. Business keeps at the dullest level. Prices to-day were scarcely so firm as yesterday. Sales as follows.—Extraordinary 1897 Loan, \$23,000 at 52.50 to 52, closing 52.20 cash.

Mortgage Bank, 590 shares at 13.80 and 13.50 cash, 13.50 to end of Dec. Consolidated Debt, \$29,610 at 40.90 and 40.80, closing 40.90 cash and end of month. The London quotation stands at 41 1/2.

Business Notes.—The Custom House paid into the London Bank yesterday \$7926 on account of the Consolidated Debt and Railway guarantee service and \$968 on account of the 5% Loan service.

to class. Lambskins have dropped to 43 cents. Sheepskins are in good demand at firm prices. Wheat dull. Small sales from interior at \$3.30 to 3.45, and very good from 'litoral' at \$3.50 to 3.60 without bag. Maize steady at former prices, but sales small.

MARITIME ARRIVALS AND SAILINGS. Montevideo, Nov. 8, 1898.—Str. Triton from B. Aires, 104 pass.—Str. Eolo from B. Aires, 102 pass.—Str. Etona from Rosario, for New York.—Str. Ormidale from La Plata, for Dunkirk.—Str. Magdala from Cardiff.—Str. Comercio from Salto, 12 pass.—Str. Olive Branch from Chile.—Str. Luciana for Hamburg.—Str. Eolo for B. Aires.

MAIL STEAMERS LEAVING TO-DAY.—The str. VENUS will leave TO-DAY for B. Aires only. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 5.15 p.m.—The str. HELIOS will leave TO-DAY for B. Aires and Salto. Hours as above.—The str. DUCHESSA DI GENOVA will leave TO-DAY for Las Palmas, Barcelona and Genoa. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 10 a.m.—The str. AQUITAINE will leave TO-DAY for Dakar and Marseilles. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 10 a.m.

OTHER DATES.—The str. CITTA DI TORINO will leave Nov. 11 for Santos, Rio Janeiro, Las Palmas and Genoa. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 10 a.m.—The R. M. S. THAMES will leave Nov. 11 for Rio Janeiro, Bahia, Pernambuco, Lisbon, Vigo, Cherbourg and Southampton. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 12 m.

Table with columns: Steamers to arrive, NOV., NAME, FLAG, FROM. Includes entries for G. of Trinidad, Campania, Memphis, Bellefona, Messapia, Nord America, Italia, Nord Bresil, Kafir Prince, Italia, Iberia, Lowenburg, Oceana, Beacon Grange, Cordoba.

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Montevideo Athletic Sports

President—Walter Baring Esq. Chairman—W. Galloway Esq. AN ATHLETIC MEETING under the RULES OF THE A.A.A. OF URUGUAY will be held on THURSDAY, 8th DECEMBER, 1898, on the grounds of the MONTEVIDEO CRICKET CLUB.

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Entrance Fee, \$1 gold for each event up to four, and 50 cents for each further entry. ENTRY FORMS can be obtained from the Secretary after the 5th Nov. All Entries should be sent in on or before November 25th to J. Wair Reid, Hon. Sec., Solis 67, Montevideo.

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About a fortnight after Rae Haver-gill's with Lois Yorke and her cousin, he was walking one morning along the Lyndhurst Road, when he saw a pretty, graceful figure some little distance ahead of him, which he immediately recognized. It was Lois. He had, and not for the first time, made his plans in the hope of meeting her. Chance, or fate, had been very partial to Rae in this respect, and scarcely a day had passed since his first meeting with her, that he did not succeed in his effort to see her, it only for a few minutes, either in the village, or when she was out for a walk along the lovely country roads, and he was beginning to long for these meetings with almost feverish eagerness.

Stepping out briskly, he soon overtook her. «Good morning, Miss Lois!» he said, not slow to see the flush that overspread her face at his greeting. «How in the world?»

«Toodles? Oh, he is getting on wonderfully now!» said Lois brightly. «He can walk quite nicely when I take him only short distances.»

«I am glad to hear that,» said Rae. «I thought, perhaps, as you did not accompany your aunt yesterday, when she so kindly called at Eden Hall, that he might have had a relapse.»

«Oh, I seldom accompany Aunt Prudence on her afternoon calls,» said Lois, a little coldly, «unless I have set myself a penance for my size!»

«Indeed?» returned Rae. «I suppose you find staying at home to receive afternoon callers an equal punishment, as I never have the pleasure of seeing you when I call at The Gables. Do you know, I regard the calls I have been fortunate enough to receive, as acts of Christian charity. And if what I hear in Pine Edge and from my friend the Vicar is true, I imagined you rejoiced in all kind acts.»

«Taking tea and blankets to old women, you mean?» said Lois, still coldly. «That is quite different. Yes, I enjoy those visits always.»

«If you had lived for three years, as I have lived, beyond even the sound and sight of civilisation,» said Rae, «you might, perhaps, appreciate these social delicacies nearly as much as I do.»

«Perhaps,» returned she, a little absently; then turning to him quickly, with a flush on her cheeks, she said, speaking nervously; «You have lately returned from the Transvaal, have you not, Mr. Haver-gill?»

«Yes,» replied Rae. «I came direct from Johannesburg.»

«And were you among—I mean did you ever meet any men who had gone out there, to the mines, to seek their fortunes?» she asked.

«I was among them,» laughed Rae, «and I was one of them. We were all working men together in the gold-fields. I am only a gold-digger, Miss Lois!»

«I see,» she said thoughtfully. «And do most of the men who work hard out there make large fortunes?»

«Well, no; not the most of them,» replied he. «I worked very hard indeed, and made forty thousand pounds in three years; but there were many beside me, so to speak, who worked a thousand times harder, and made—nothing!»

«Ah! Is that so?» commented Lois ponderingly. «And, Mr. Haver-gill, whilst you were out there in Johannesburg, did you happen to meet a gentleman—a young man, named John Dent?»

«Dent—Dent?» repeated Rae. «The name is familiar to me; but I do not remember any one of that name in the Rand Mines. Still, there might have been half-a-dozen men at the workings named Dent, and I not have known it. For one thing, many of the diggers were known by nicknames, and, as a matter of fact, I mixed very little with any of them. There were only two other men in my claim. I was an unassociated digger, on the whole, I was called 'Kiljey.' Though, for all that, I had many friends among the poor fellows. But it is a terrible life, Miss Lois, is that of a gold-digger. I have seen a man make, what to him was a fortune, in a week, and fling it all away in a day!»

«Really? How dreadful! And, I suppose, if a man were not very steady and industrious, he would not be likely to do much good!» she said.

«No, not in my opinion,» replied Rae, «though most of them say it is only 'luck' that is wanted. Did you know any one who went out to the Rand Mines, may I ask, Miss Lois? Any one of the name you mentioned? Because, if you could describe him, or anything about his circumstances, I might be able to recognise him to my memory. For, as I said, although I was not sociable with the majority of the diggers, I knew a good deal about many of them.»

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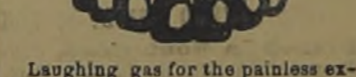
«He went out as John Dent,» said Lois evasively. «But I—my friend would not like to trouble you to make enquiries, thank you.»

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