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The Montevideo Times

MONTEVIDEO, JULY 6, 1895.

NEWS OF THE DAY

MONTEVIDEO

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1895.

Saints Severinus, Isaiah and Lucy.

181 days past, 178 to the end of the year.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The Representatives were to have continued their secret sitting over the pension business on Thursday, but once again there was no quorum. This is the fulfilment of their resolution to hold daily sittings until the end of the session. We shall be curious to see if they succeed any better to-day.

No definite explanation has yet transpired of the mysterious conferences held on Wednesday and Thursday between the President, Ministers and Senators, but the belief increases that they relate to the purchase of armament, for which it is said the Government has already received definite offers. The *Siglo*, however, offers an additional explanation which is not without its plausibility. It will be remembered that when Sr. Oscar Hordenana, 1st Official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, left for Europe some weeks ago, it was very generally asserted that he was entrusted by the Government with a more or less reserved secret mission, on the strength of which he received a substantial viaticum from the public treasury. The assertion was evaded rather than contradicted by the official organs. It was further asserted that this mission consisted in the obtaining from some of the principal powers the promise of the presence of their war vessels to maintain the neutrality of Uruguay in case of the dreaded Chilo-Argentine war. According to the *Siglo*, then, the Government has received letters from Sr. Hordenana communicating the success of his mission with the Governments of England, France, Germany and may-be some other power (Italy?) and it is these communications that have been laid before the Senators, preparatory to putting the negotiations into proper legislative form. The *Siglo* advances the statement with due reserve, but there is nothing improbable in it, and we think that such an explanation would be far more acceptable to public opinion than the expenditure of money on armament—though it is quite possible that the latter idea may also be in the wind. This, however, is a matter too uncertain to offer field for criticism at present, though there will be ample field for criticism when the time comes.

The discussion in Committee of Dr. Aguirre's electoral reform Bill continues but without much visible progress, and, from various circumstances that have transpired, there is little doubt that Sr. Alcides Montero, acting as the representative of "herrerista" interests, is doing his best to obstruct it without yet offering open opposition. That will probably come later on when the Bill is brought before the Chamber for discussion—it is ever allowed to reach such a stage. There is very little doubt that the very strong and unmistakable popular condemnation of the present electoral situation and the movement in favour of reform is creating some alarm in both "herrerista" and official circles, and every sophism available will be employed to minimise their effect. This is already evident from the tone adopted by the *Nacion*, which is employing all its customary artifices and falsehoods to paint the present situation as highly satisfactory and the laws and practices as scarcely capable of improvement. Its latest effort, yesterday, is to pretend that reform is required, not in the laws, but in the voters, and that it should commence with the independent press, which should educate the people to a sense of their civic duties by desisting from criticising the government!

Unfortunately it omits to complement its sage counsel by recommending that the Government, on its side, should commence to do its duty honestly and to consider the interests and rights of the people. All this the *Nacion* is highly grotesque, and would be amusing were it not so contemptible.

Referring to the same topic, yesterday's *Dia* has a good article traversing some arguments of the *Razon*. We quote the following sentences:—Our contemporary (the *Razon*) says that from the electoral point of view, whatever may be the degree of unbridled officialism attributed to the influence of Dr. Herrera, in the last elections, it cannot be said that he invented fraud or official intervention. This is true enough, for Latorre and Santos have distinguished themselves previously, but it is also true that he went much further than they did, and it was he who invented the sophistical doctrine of the "directive influence," in which was attributed to the government the faculty of interfering as such, bringing into play its official power in the electoral struggles—a political monstrosity that nobody before Dr. Herrera had dared to proclaim as legitimate, but which he proclaimed and carried into practice to its fullest consequences.

The tide of pensions and subventions flows merrily on without appearance of turning. The Executive has signed and promulgated the Law granting an annual subvention of \$2400 to the Hospital of San José, from the general revenue. The Petitioners Committee of the Representatives also advances an annual subvention of \$5000 to the "Liceo Franco-Uruguayo" (a private school) on the condition of its holding certain scholarships at the disposal of the Government. We do not say that such things as these are unworthy of support, but we most certainly contend that, and especially in the present financial situation, they are not proper objects for the expenditure of public money, raised by taxation from the people, and which should be devoted to administrative purposes, public works and the development of the national resources.

The "Centre of Retail Traders" has taken a praiseworthy initiative by forwarding a petition to the Executive, representing that these are more than a sufficiency of copper coin already in circulation, and protesting beforehand against any scheme for the coining of more. We are glad to see this activity on the part of the "Centre," which might advantageously be imitated by other bodies. With such petitions before it, the Government cannot plead ignorance or misunderstanding of the state of the market or of those affected, in relation to its schemes, such as those for silver coining, that result in public prejudice. We have always advised a more active employment of the right of protest and petition, at present hardly employed at all. If those affected or interested in such matters do not take the trouble to represent their own case, the Government can hardly be blamed for ignoring them. And even if the petition be not listened to, the petitioners at least have the satisfaction of knowing that they have done what lay in their power to avert the threatened danger. This is the process that should have been and should yet be adopted in the matter of the quarantines.

We have received from the Direction General of Statistics the usual Pamphlet of Commercial and Port Statistics for the Year 1894, published in advance of the Statistical Yearly for that year, which generally appears about December. In future issues we will give the usual extracts.

Passengers.

Arrived by R. M. S. "Nile" from Southampton, etc., July 5.—Mr. H. Brown and family. Mr. F. C. Westhofen. Mr. W. Wildy. Mr. T. Jeffries. 4 second class, 23 third.

The N. Zealand S. Co.'s "Rimutaka" had not arrived at time of writing, but was expected any moment.

The P. S. N. Co.'s "Britannia" arrived from the West Coast yesterday, having made an unusually rapid passage. She left Valparaiso June 25 at 5.45 p.m., arrived at Coronel June 26 at 1.45 p.m., left Coronel 10 p.m., arrived at Sandy Point June 30 at 6.20 p.m., left Sandy Point July 1 at 5.30 a.m., and arrived at Montevideo July 5 at 11.15 a.m. Total time on voyage 9 days, 17 hours, 30 min. Experienced fair weather throughout. She leaves homeward bound at midday to-day.

Italian Opera Wholesale.

Particulars are now published of Sr. Ferrari's grand Italian Opera Company, at present performing in Buenos Aires, which will come to the Solis Theatre for 10 performances, including the national fêtes, during the month of August. The subscription list for these is now open, and the prices are considerably reduced from those of last year, and indeed are most moderate, considering the acknowledged excellence of the Company. As the latter has been frequently mentioned in our Buenos Aires contemporaries, we do not think it necessary to mention their

names, but they include several artists of the very first rank. The operas selected are Hugonotes, Aida, Gioconda, Barbero de Sevilla, Manon Lescaut, Lohengrin, Lucia, Tannhauser (not yet heard here), Forza del Destino, and Tarass Bulba of the Argentine composer Berutti. The Company will arrive about August 5.

The Impresario Beccario has issued his programme for the Cibils Theatre, which has been redecorated and generally improved. He does not promise any "stars," but a good all-round, efficient Company. The principal artists, several of whom are already favorably known here, are as follows: Sopranos, E. Angelini and F. Asino; Light Soprano, C. Luzzardi; Contraltos, S. Conde and A. Signoret; Tenors, L. Signoret and E. Collen; Baritones, E. Sivori and V. Cesarotti; Basses, F. Vecchioni and G. Moro; Director, L. Franciscio. The chief novelties promised are "Promessi Sposi" of Petrella, Verdi's "I Lombardi," "Ione" and "Poljuto." Subscription is now open for ten performances, commencing August 1, at popular prices.

In addition to the above there is the really splendid Company promised by Ciacchi for the Politeama, and which is expected to arrive next Monday or Tuesday, making its debut during the week. With these three Companies we shall have Opera to suit all tastes and purses.

Congratulations—Received with Thanks.

"MONTVIDEO TIMES, we salute you on this, your seventh anniversary, and wish you many happy returns of the day. There is a certain honest ring in our colleague's address to the subscribers, telling them in plain language that their assistance is absolutely necessary for the continuance of this paper, which wins our heart, and reminds us of our own hard-earned editorial experiences. Our Montevidean colleague now enters its seventh year, which is generally supposed to be the period when the age of reason begins. The errors of childhood we all forgive and forget, and therefore all the folly and nonsense of our juvenile colleague in attacking the *Standard* and its cellar and museum are of the past. The MONTVIDEO TIMES has vitality, ability and talent; what it lacks is a little more attic salt. Entering, as it now does, on what is termed the age of reason, we suggest the starting of an editorial cellar, which will vastly increase the geniality of our colleague and the number of his subscribers. We note that so far back as 1834, *The Dublin University Magazine* had a cellar of its own in old Trinity, where an odd salmon from the Shannon or a bottle of whiskey from Jameson's was never refused. Editors are pretty much the same as other folk; and as we look down through the waves of time and sea on our past, we recognise our great debt to Mr. Bagley for his 'hesperidina' and his biscuits and to those generous subscribers who have not only paid regularly their subscriptions, but with equal punctuality have replenished our cellar."—B. A. *Standard*.

Our contemporary THE MONTVIDEO TIMES commenced the seventh year of its existence on Tuesday last, and it took that opportunity to ask the English-speaking residents in Montevideo and its readers elsewhere for increased support. It must certainly be advantageous to have an independent English newspaper which fearlessly advocates not only the interests of the English-speaking residents in the Republic but the true interests of the Republic, and that has certainly been done by the MONTVIDEO TIMES, which has our best wishes for the success of which it has proved itself to be deserving."—B. A. *Herald*.

The North Western Uruguay Railway Company, Limited.

The directors report the traffic receipts for the year 1894 to have amounted to £39,940 12s. 11d., being an increase of £5,904 0s. 4d. as compared with the previous year. The working expenses amounted to £30,413 14s. 10d., as against £30,321 0s. 1d., being an increase of £92 14s. 9d. The amount received and accrued on the Government of Uruguay 4 per cent. internal bonds and Guarantee to 31st December last amounted to £24,768 7s. 5d. This, added to the traffic receipts, makes a total income of £64,709 0s. 4d. After deducting the working expenses and the interest on the 6 per cent. debenture stock, together amounting to £54,293 14s. 10d., there remains a balance of £10,415 5s. 6d., as against £4,603 0s. 7d. in the previous year. The directors recommend that, out of the balance standing at the credit of the net revenue account, a dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. be paid on the First Preference Stock, and that a sum of £1,500 be transferred to the reserve fund, raising it thereby to £18,000, leaving a balance of £220 18s. 0d. to be carried forward to the next account.

With reference to the arrangement made with the Uruguay Land and Development Company for the extension of colonisation along the railway, the directors are pleased to report that the company has commenced to colonise its other property

at Zanja Honda, and it is anticipated that a further 40 families will be settled on their land by the end of the present year. The whole of the vacuum brakework ordered by the Government of Uruguay to be fitted to the rolling stock has been shipped, and 25 additional goods wagons are in course of shipment. The general manager visited England last Autumn, and conferred with the board regarding the development of traffic and certain improvements which he considered necessary to meet the requirements for dealing with the increasing traffic. Although at the last general meeting the directors obtained authority to raise further capital for the purpose of providing additional rolling stock and improvements on the line, they have not, hitherto, found it necessary to make any issue of the 6 per cent. second mortgage debenture stock, then authorised; but they now offer to the proprietors £10,000 of this stock on the terms named in the circular.

SUNDRIES.

—The Rev. Mr. S. Fraser Handcock has now returned from his wedding trip, and has requested us to publish the following notice in relation to Holy Trinity Church.—The Chaplain desires to notify the Congregation of Holy Trinity Church that the services will be held on Sunday next, July 7, as usual. There will be Matins at 11 a.m., Holy Communion at 12.15 p.m., and Evensong (Choral) at 8 p.m. There will be no Children's Service in the afternoon, but the Sunday School will be held as usual at 9.45 a.m. The Offerings will be for Poor Relief.

—Our genial contemporary the *B. A. Standard* advises us to start an editorial cellar. We have not the slightest objection. We will order in half-a-dozen of Apollinaris Water forthwith, in the hopes that our admirers will supply the whiskey to take the chill off. Dawson's Special, Thomson's, or the Buchanan Blend, or any other handy, will do to make a start with. It also says "a little attic salt." We are painfully conscious of it. And as that is an article with which the *Standard* is amply endowed, perhaps it will oblige by sending us a little, just for seed purposes, in a registered letter or by special messenger. We await it in patience. So do our readers.

—A Montevideo telegram published in Buenos Aires says that the preparations for the North American Exhibition here are proceeding vigorously. Will some one kindly tell us where.

—The British Bank in Buenos Aires, says a contemporary there, is rapidly becoming married and another engagement of one of the members of its staff has been announced, viz. that of Mr. Curtois and Miss Lapish, both of the suburb of green Lomas. At the same time we are credibly informed that Mr. G. Crane of Messrs Wanklyn and Crane is also about to enter the united state, the charming young lady of his choice being Miss Ethel Williamson.

—"Frou-Frou" was excellently given at the Solis Theatre on Thursday evening, and Reiter and Andó were irreproachable in the principal parts. The handsome young actress Sra. Mazocca is also making her mark in this company and has played several difficult parts with considerable skill. This evening the talented actor Sr. Andó will take his benefit, the piece being Octave Feuillet's "Romance of a Poor Young Man," a sentimental drama that was made popular in England a generation ago by Keen and Fechter.

—Yesterday's telegrams made no allusion to the progress of political events in London. We are waiting an explanation of the extraordinary, not to say incredible, appointment of the Duke of Norfolk to the post of Postmaster General. We also want to know something about the Mr. William Balfour who has been given the Irish Secretaryship.

—The erratic Kaiser is King of Stockholm to visit the King of Sweden.

—There was an overflowing house at the San Felipe Theatre on Thursday night, and Sr. Pastor's new group of artists made a very favorable impression, especially the prima donna Sra. Maria Gonzalez, whose singing is considerably above the not very high average of Spanish Zarzuela artists. We think, however, it would be judicious to put some less worn-out piece in the programme.

—It does not say much for the taste of Montevidean audiences to note that an exceptionally good and complete Company like that now at the Solis should play to sooty and cold audiences, whilst people are turned away nightly from another theatre playing Spanish Zarzuelas, like the "Verbena" and "Cortamen Nacional" of the smallest merit originally and which have been repeated ad nauseam. These Zarzuelas, mostly of trashy music and equally trashy dramatic composition, are the ruin of playgoers' taste wherever they are represented.

—At Berlin there has been an explosion, presumably of gas or of chemicals, in a shed, where some experiments were being made in "military aerostation." Considerable material damage was done, one man killed and several injured.

—One afternoon contemporary *La España* has been condemned in costs and damages for infringement of copyright in copying, without the author's permission or acknowledgment, Sr. Pescoe's fortnightly "Market Review" (*Revista Mercantil*).

—There was rather alarming news from Rio Janeiro yesterday afternoon. Notwithstanding the death of Peixoto, his wretched followers have been engaged in another conspiracy to upset the constitutional government of President Moraes. General Ewerton Quadros, Admiral Goncalves (who commanded the squadron in the River Plate that so carefully kept out of the fighting during the naval revolt) and some military officers are said to be at the head of the movement. Fortunately the vile conspiracy has been discovered in time, and it is to be hoped the ringleaders will be punished. The Jacobins are also offering active opposition to the negotiations for the pacification of Rio Grande, and are generally making themselves offensive and unpatriotic. There have been no actual disorders so far, but the city is in a serious state of alarm and the Government is redoubling its precautions.

—The Custom House paid \$23,740 into the London Bank yesterday on account of the foreign debt service.

LONDON NOTES.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6.

The full text of the scheme of reforms presented by the three Powers to Armenia is now published. The document is a lengthy one, the recommendations of the Powers being preceded by a memorandum dealing separately with certain measures exceeding the scope of an administrative regulation, but which form the very basis of that regulation. The scheme provides for the appointment of suitable men as Valis, Mutesarrifs, Caimakams, and Mudirs; the establishment of communal circles; the supervision of the police force and gendarmerie; the administration of justice and of the prisons; the control of the Kurds; the organization of the Hamidieh cavalry; the collection of taxes, &c.

It is reported from Constantinople that one of the officers of the French Mail Company's steamer from Trebizond has been assaulted by a Turkish officer on board that vessel.

A panic prevails at Jeddah owing to apprehensions of an attack by Bedouins. The Europeans are taking refuge on the vessels in port.

The natives and Chinese soldiers in Formosa are going in bands through the country looting and burning. The Republic has collapsed.

The Shabzada, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, Lord Roberts, and the officers of the headquarters staff, was present at a brilliant review at Aldershot yesterday. After an inspection of the lines, the troops marched past three times in different formations. The Horse Artillery then galloped past, the infantry advanced in review order, and the review ended with an imposing cavalry display. The two lines galloped across the parade ground in succession. About 18,000 troops were under arms.

At the 127th Council meeting of the Metropolitan Radical Federation last night, a proposal was submitted tentatively that the Federation should amend its constitution with a view to act as a co-operative society for the supply of liquors and other club requisites to its many affiliated working-men's and other clubs, the profits to be distributed in a manner agreed upon. The matter is to be considered. Among the resolutions adopted was one calling for an autumn session, so that the Registration Bill may be passed.

Lieut-General M'Leod Innes, V. C., presided at the Holborn Restaurant last night over the dinner annually held in commemoration of the defence of the Residency of Lucknow in 1857, and was supported by as many of the survivors of the garrison and officers of the relieving force as found it possible to attend. The chief toast, "To the memory of Sir Henry Lawrence and the brave men who died in defence of the Residency," was drunk, as usual, in solemn silence.

Speaking at a dinner given in his honour at the Waterloo Hotel, Edinburgh, last night, the Earl of Hopetoun said that although during nearly the whole of his term of office in Victoria the colony was passing through a grave crisis, he thought a better tone and sounder state of things existed there now. The people of the colony had fully realised the seriousness of their position, and shown a thorough determination to meet their troubles honestly and to re-establish their credit in the eyes of the world.

Mr. James Broadbent, presiding at the final session of the Co-operative Congress at Huddersfield, yesterday, dwelt on the fact that the co-operative system, though it had not yet become fashionable, was more than tolerated, and he claimed that it had proved to be of immense benefit to the districts adopting it. Next year's conference is to be held at Woolwich.

About sixty of the women who write again met at the Criterion last

night to dine and make speeches. Miss Adeline Sarreant, who was in the chair, proposed the toast of "The Queen." Mrs. Norman spoke of the future, Miss C. N. Coleridge of the Present, and Miss Clementina Black of the Past.

The chief feature yesterday in the operations that are being carried out in Kent by a mixed force of volunteers and regulars was a smart engagement in the neighbourhood of Ashford, when the attacking body was declared by the umpires to have been defeated by the defending force.

The death of the Sultan of Johore, at Bailey's Hotel, Kensington, was announced yesterday.

Yesterday the Mayor of Southampton entertained at luncheon a number of the officers of the American and Italian war vessels now lying at that port.

Three men were injured by an explosion of coal gas which occurred last evening at Dartmouth, on board the Italian Royal yacht Savio, belonging to the Duke of Genoa.

A brilliant exhibition of batting was given at Lord's yesterday by Mr. Woods, who in the second innings of Somerset scored 109 runs in an hour and forty minutes. The whole side were out for 291. Mid-dlesex were left to get 259 to win when two hours and fifty minutes remained for play. At the call of time they had lost eight wickets for 165, so that the match ended in a draw in favour of Somerset. At Leyton, Leicestershire defeated Essex by 76 runs. Surrey had a nine wickets victory over Nottingham at Trent Bridge Ground. Lancashire were victorious over Yorkshire at Sheffield by 145 runs. The match at Birmingham between Warwickshire and Kent was drawn.

Marguerite Lemon, a married woman, who had pleaded guilty at the previous sessions to several charges of shoplifting from well-known West-end firms, was brought up for sentence at the County of London Sessions at Clerkenwell yesterday. For the defence an effort was made to show that she was of impaired intellect, and, being in receipt of a handsome monthly allowance from her husband, was under no inducement to steal. A previous conviction for a similar offence at Leeds was, however, proved against her and Mr. Loveland-Loveland sentenced her to nine months' imprisonment without hard labour.

There were 2,569 births and 1,308 deaths in London last week, the former being 13 above and the latter 224 below the average for the corresponding week of the last ten years. The death rate per thousand per annum, 16.5 and 16.3 in the preceding two weeks, fell last week to 15.5. No death from small-pox was registered. There were 50 deaths from measles, 5 from enteric fever, and 194 from diseases of the respiratory organs, these figures being all below the average for the week. On the other hand, the fatal cases of diphtheria, 41, and of scarlet fever, 17, were above that average. Fifteen deaths were attributed to influenza.

SOCIAL REGENERATION BY NATURAL SELECTION.

Racial change is brought about by selection, i.e. by the death or non-productiveness of certain sorts of individuals, so that the others alone remain; and if this remnant is organically superior, then the next generation will be so. But at present we are not perpetuating our best. The gardener perfects his stock by selecting seed only from the best; and improved breeds of cattle are produced in the same way—not by any new method of venting the cowshed, nor by any freshly discovered patent fodder—yet we foolishly fancy we can regenerate society by better food and improved dwellings. We must resort to selection rather. Preventive medicine is saving us from small-pox, measles, typhoid fever, &c., but these diseases previously exercised a selective influence to carry off the feeblest, who are now preserved to become race-producers. Leprosy also exterminates the unhealthy, and must be looked upon as a friend to humanity. The germs of phthisis or scrofula are our racial friends. Sufferers from phthisis are prone to other diseases as well, and are unsuited for the battle of life, yet because of a certain attractiveness of personal appearance they easily marry, and they leave a large progeny. It follows that by exterminating the bacillus of consumption and giving this delicate and fragile type of persons an advantage in the struggle of life we may imperil the well-being of the future of the race. Even drink may be looked upon as a selective agency constantly thinning the ranks of those who are weak enough by nature to give way to it, and leaving unharmed those with healthy tastes and sound moral constitutions. Besides the diseased and the drunken there are the incorrigibly criminal, the class whose feet take by nature the crooked path, and who at present are allowed to transmit the taint and the tendency.

What is the remedy? The argument might seem to give a moral sanction to the broadcast scattering of the germs of disease, and to the leaving of unlimited whiskey on the doorsteps of our weaker neighbours. But no other ways are open to us. As regards drink, indeed, Dr. Haverall would not impose any other restraining influence than a man's own conscience and sense of self-respect. But as regards persons tainted with disease, he does not suggest any such merciless measure as a lethal chamber for them or their offspring. He is content that preventive medicine should continue its war, so beneficial to the individual; but he thinks we ought to replace one selective agency by another. There is already a widespread feeling against the marriage of persons with a distinct family history of insanity

He would try to strengthen that feeling and extend it to other forms of weakness and disease. In the course of time public opinion might sanction legislation of a prohibitive character. As to inveterate criminals, we must bring our minds to the remedy of the perpetual confinement of the irreclaimable, so that they may die out and leave no successors. After discussing the competition of brain against brain and the fact that property is not always acquired by the most capable, and considering the effect of modern democratic attempts to equalise the struggle, as also the question of the relative sterility of the capables and the possible swamping of the capables by the incapable, our author says he cannot doubt that by selection, England, in a hundred years, might have its average man and woman as well endowed in body and mind as are the best of us to-day.

THE AGE OF MAN ON THE EARTH.

It is certain that man existed, and even possibly started, in the post-Tertiary, Quaternary, post-Pliocene times. The question, as yet not settled, is, How long is it since those times; how long is it since the last Ice Age? The solution of this turns largely upon Wales. It is clear that once upon a time the land in North Wales was much higher than it is now, and was covered with ice. It is also clear that this period was followed by one of submergence, variously estimated, but probably approximately accurately estimated at 88,000 years. Then the Welsh earth-crust slowly rose again, and there was a second continental or Glacial epoch, during which Ireland was really a part of the United Kingdom, and you could have crossed from England to France without running the risk of sea-sickness. A moderate calculation gives 224,000 years for the time of the whole of this up-and-down oscillation. It is still an open question whether man many not have existed even before the so-called Glacial epoch. But we may take it as ascertained that he was in existence long before the close of it, and probably throughout its duration. It is difficult to say how long the existing condition of affairs has obtained; but some hold that this has been not a shorter time than that allotted to the up-and-down glacial movement. So that the age of man at least runs into 300,000 years, and probably a hundred thousand or so more. —English Mechanic.

SCIENTIFIC AGRICULTURE.

Agriculture in this country is gradually becoming, by force of circumstances, more and more scientific—that is to say, systematised—and it is therefore gratifying to learn that the Royal Agricultural Society of England is in a satisfactory condition financially. Preparations for the Darlington meeting next month are well advanced. The total amount of space allotted in the implement department is 12,597 feet run, exclusive of open-ground space, as compared with 13,402 feet at Cambridge last year. Twenty-three entries have been received for the prizes offered for hay and clover-making machines, and it is proposed that the trials shall take place in the neighbourhood of Darlington during the first week of July. A total of seventy-three entries of "new implements" have been made for the Society's silver medals. Seventy-two candidates have entered for the competitors of butter-makers for the Society's prizes and certificates, to take place in the showyard, from Tuesday, June 25, to Friday, June 28. Twenty-six shoeing-smiths, practising in the Society's district B, will compete for the prizes offered for shoeing carthorses and hunters. —English Mechanic.

CLIPPINGS.

Our Berlin Correspondent says: The "Kölnische Zeitung" has received a letter from a correspondent at Mozambique, in which the writer says that Lobengula is still alive. He writes that in August last year his people, whom he had sent up the river to redeem slave children, told him that Lobengula had fled to the left bank of the Zambesi, and that the statement has since been confirmed by elephant hunters from the Kasungwe River, and by negroes from the Upper Zambesi, who said that it was Lobengula's brother, an Induna, who was dead. The "Völkzeitung" seems to credit its correspondent's statement.

It appears that the thoughtless and dangerous practice of throwing empty bottles from passenger trains still continues. Excursionists are the main offenders, and their attention is drawn to the appeal of the London and North-Western Railway Company. The Company earnestly remind passengers that serious injuries from this cause have been inflicted upon the servants of the Company working on the line. Within the past few days an empty bottle of considerable size and weight was thrown from an excursion train passing through Blisworth Station. The bottle alighted on an engine standing upon an adjoining line, and striking the fire-box of the engine with great force, splintered into many fragments. The engine-driver and fireman narrowly escaped serious injuries from the thoughtless act of the passenger who threw the bottle from the train. The Railway Company remind passengers that empty bottles can be left in the carriages.

According to a medical correspondent of the "Kaspia," the Kalmucks in Astrachan are gradually dying out. This medical authority is unable to explain the cause beyond the fact that some mysterious mental affliction appears to be affecting the Kalmucks. The asylums and hospitals are continually filled with these partially

insane people, and the mortality is so great that very soon there probably will not be a Kalmuck left in Astrachan.

COMMERCIAL.

STOCK EXCHANGE.
Montevideo, July 5, 1895.
—The market remains in the same state. Prices rather weak. \$28,800 Interior Debt sold at 47.20 and 47.10. \$8000 Treasury Certificates at 90.20 for May, 92.30 for April. \$11,280 Consolidated Debt at 48.30. The London quotation has fluctuated to 49 3/8.

Sales	1st RING	Consolidated Debt.
\$2350 cash	48.30	
AFTER HOUSES.	Interior Debt.	
\$20000 tmw	47.20	
1800 cash	47.10	
Treasury Certificates (May).		
\$6500 cash	90.20	
Mortgage Certificates.		
\$5000 cash	37.	
2ND RING	Interior Debt.	
\$2000 cash	47.10	
Consolidated Debt.		
\$7050 tmw	48.30	
1880 cash	48.30	
AFTER 2ND RING.	Interior Debt.	
\$5000 tmw	47.10	
Treasury Certificates (April).		
\$1500 cash	92.30	

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Antwerp 90d/s. 5.38	5.42	
Rio Jan. 22.000	22.350	
B. Aires 1/4 prem.	1/4 prem.	
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BUSINESS NOTES.

—Gold opened in B. Aires yesterday at 346 and closed at 346.20.
—Exchange upon London was quoted in Rio Janeiro yesterday at 10 3/4 to 7/8 to 11 d. per milreis, closing firm.
—The "Helios" brought yesterday from Salto \$2770 to London and Brazilian Bank \$100 to A. Beiso, \$1032 to P. Asain, from Paysandu \$365 to B. Tejada, from F. Bentes \$353 (in Bonds) to Commercial Bank, from B. Aires \$7 to P. Asain. Total \$5709.
—The North Western of Uruguay Railway Company is inviting subscriptions to an issue of \$10,000 Six per Cent. Second Debentures, being part of \$100,000 authorised at the extraordinary general meeting of 11th June, 1894. The object is to provide additional rolling stock. The issue price is par, and the stock is redeemable at the option of the company at \$110, on giving six months' notice. The net profits of the company in 1894 were \$10,423, and the sum required to pay interest on this issue is only \$600 per annum.

Buenos Aires, July 5, 1895.
Gold, cash, 346.50.
Gold, end of month, 346.50.
Cedulas 8 1/2, cash, 17.50.
Do. P. cash, 20.20.
Emprestito Interno 1891, cash, 75.
Muelle Catalinas, cash, 4.30.
Compañia Inmobiliaria, cash, 40.
The "Golondrina II" and "Eolo" sail.

MARITIME.

ARRIVALS AND SAILINGS.
Montevideo, July 5, 1895.
—Str. Olympo from Asuncion, 69 pass.
—Str. Helios from Salto, 72 pass.
—Str. Graf Bismarck from B. Aires, for Bremen.
—Str. Bretagne from B. Aires, for Rio Janeiro.
—Str. Gergovia from Marseilles.
—Str. Kafir Prince from Genoa.
—Str. Colon from B. Aires.
—Str. Lucina from Cardiff, for B. Aires.
—Str. Miramar for B. Aires.
—Str. Britannia from Valparaiso.
—Str. Nile from Southampton, 33 pass, for B. Aires.
—Str. Adriana from Valparaiso, for Las Palmas.
—Str. V. Ema for Dolores.
—Str. Pransa for B. Aires.
—Str. Avona from B. Aires, for London.
—Str. Olympo for Asuncion.

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—The str. BRITANNIA will leave TO-DAY for Rio Janeiro, Lisbon, Vigo, La Pallice (La Rochelle), Plymouth and Liverpool. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 10 a. m. maritime branch 11 a. m.
—The str. BRETAGNE will leave TO-DAY for Rio Janeiro. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 1 p. m. maritime branch 2 p. m.
—The str. CAPRI will leave TO-DAY for Rio Janeiro. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 9 a. m. maritime branch 10 a. m.
—The str. LA PLATA will leave TO-DAY for Rio Janeiro, Dakar, Lisbon and Bordeaux. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 1 p. m. maritime branch 2 p. m.
OTHER DATES.
—The str. VITTORIA will leave July 9 for Las Palmas, Barcelona, Genoa and Naples.

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By GORDON STABLES, M.D., R.N.

(Continued.)

We were passing through a clump of cocoa-nut trees just as the sun's red rim tinged the waves with blood. The sky above was a study in crimson, bronze, and brightest gold, that Turner himself could scarce have transferred to canvas. Even the lofty tasselled palm trees seemed to have caught fire from the clouds, and brightly reflected the day's dying glory.

But the sea grew grey almost at once when the sun disappeared. Crimson changed to bronze, and brown turned dark and black. Night was coming on apace. There was a chilly feeling already in the breeze that was beginning to blow from over the ocean.

Jooma looked a strange, weird figure as he stood there, silhouetted against the snow-white sand, one arm extended towards the western horizon.

"See, sah, see," he cried, "God's fires am all out in de sky. Suppose you not wantee foh die, come quick. Def (death) to de white man breeviefroo (breathes through) de woods, def lie on de coral sand, def shoot down from de stars. Massa, I say, come quick. Come quick."

"One moment, Jooma. Your allegory is charming; but before I go I want to drink. Skywards you go then, Jooma Junior, up that tree, and throw me down a green, delicious cocoanut. When I have quenched my thirst, we shall scuttle along the shore more speedily than the mongooose scuttles; and in two hours' time I shall be safe on board my ship and you shall be safe in your old mother's arms."

"Oh, I not want much ob de ole gal's arms," said Jooma. "I no chile now. Dat ole gal can hug herself. All same, sah, I get you one green cocoanut plenty quick."

And hand over hand up the tallest cocoanut tree went Jooma Junior. Up and up, till, squatting in the feathery head of that tall palm, he looked no larger than a squirrel against the darkening sky. I was waiting for Jooma, knowing that he would carry down the great nut instead of throwing it, at the risk of breaking his master's skull.

A low wind had begun to whisper through the banana groves. Did it bode storm and tempest, or what, I wondered, as I gazed away across the sea in the direction of Bogomoya, where, over the distant cloudland of hills, now hardly visible, the faintest flush of twilight was still lingering?

The breeze, light as it was, seemed to cool the air, and, as it brushed the flowers in its passage through the woods, it came to me laden with odour of orange blossom and the sweet breath of the limes. I threw myself down on the soft, white sand with my hat beside me. I felt a strange, dreamy sense of pleasure, mingled with repose. How delightful, I thought, it would be to rest and dream here till long past midnight, while the gentle stars shone o'er head, and the round moon, rising even now, silvered all the water.

At the time of which I am writing the city and island of Zanzibar were as safe and peaceful as any town in England itself. When the officers of a ship or the sailors of merchantmen came on shore it never occurred to them to carry arms. There was no one to molest them. It is true the gentlemen Arabs, as the slave-dealing dhows owners call themselves, hate the British naval officers and bluejackets with a hatred they would gladly and at any time quench in blood; but the Arab Sultan was our friend; or pretended to be so, and we lorded it in the city over Arab, Hindu, Indian, or Parsee with true British insular insolence, and if nobody cared for us we cared nothing for anybody.

Zanzibar, however, had ere now been the scene of strife and bloodshed; its narrow, quaint streets had run red with gore, bodies had littered its bazaar and lain unburied for weeks, and the flare of its burning buildings had lit up the midnight sky; while the bush or forest all around the spot where I now lay had been filled with fugitives, who gazed fearfully citywards at the clouds of rolling smoke and flame that arose from their once happy homes.

Yes, but that was long ago. And so far from my mind at the present moment were all thoughts of robbery and violence that when I heard a stealthy footstep behind me I scarcely deigned to look about.

"Some Arab hermit," I said to myself, "or dweller in the bush, come with his little carpet to kneel and pray upon the warm sand."

But I started quickly to my feet and seized my butterfly-net as a sudden rush of feet over the sand warned me of coming danger.

Light though my weapon was, I floored the first man of the attacking party with it. It snapped in two. I was an athlete, however, and hit out right and left; and one after another went down, although I had no idea what it all meant or what I was fighting for.

But one ending. In five minutes' time I was re-seated on the sand, but bound now and gagged, and, strange to say, blindfolded!

"Can you hear talk? Can you listen to reason?" said a manly, musical voice close to my ear. At the same time the gag was removed from my mouth.

That voice seemed familiar to me; but I could not then remember where or under what circumstances I had heard it before.

"Yes," I said, in surly tones, but what means this accursed outrage? Is it for robbery's sake?

My questioner laughed a low derisive laugh.

"Gentlemen Arabs are not thieves and freebooters," I cried. "Gentlemen Arabs are robbers, marauders, murderers! They make war upon peaceful villagers; they raid, they burn, they harry. Cruelly, slavery, murder, and rapine—these are the mottoes of your gentlemen Arabs. I know you."

There was no tone of anger in the Arab's reply; it was a soft and musical as before. But the words were pregnant with a fearful meaning.

"You know me? You know me personally?"

"No, I don't know you personally; but I know the infernal class to which you belong."

"It is well," he said slowly; it is well for you. My knife is sharp. One little touch across your neck. A grave in the sand. The sea to wash away the blood and obliterate every footprint. How would that suit you?"

"Not at all, you Arab villain. And it is more than you dare do to a British officer."

"Ha, ha, ha!" he laughed. "You wouldn't be the first."

"Besides," I added, now fairly roused to anger, "I have more years of life before me, Mr. Gentleman Arab; and before I die I hope to see you swing."

"Thanks. Now be calm, Doctor, pray be calm. No injury shall be done to you by my hands, but I cannot answer for my wild followers, if you anger them—and you appear bent on doing so."

(To be continued.)

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Other marks. 7.50 to 15 4.00 to 11.00

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1 1/2 24.50 22.00
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