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## NEWS OF THE DAY

MONTEVIDEO  
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1899.  
Saints Prudentius and Vital—118 days past, 247 to the end of the year.

## POLITICAL NOTES.

The Senators no quorum on Wednesday. There was nothing of importance on the order of the day. The amount of business this Chamber has done since its opening is very trifling, which makes all the more monstrous the exaggerated number of clerks, shorthand writers and employees generally provided for in the estimates of the Chamber.

There continues to be a great dearth of news of interest from the political world. The attempt to revive alarms of military conspiracy has not come to much; though, at the same time, no one has any great confidence in that considerable section of the military element already tainted by conspiracy. Failing this, the *Razon and Tribuna* have tried to start a wonderful tale to the effect that the Government has established a body of secret police—fifty men under the command of the detective officer Col Medina—directly dependent on the Ministry of Government, to the exclusion of which it is charged, for the object of maintaining a system of espionage on certain suspected characters, military and civil. The whole tale is a fabrication, and has been contradicted in every detail by Dr. Camp himself. There is no such body in existence, the Ministry of Government incurs no expenses not authorized in the Budget, and Col Medina remains in his post as one of the Presidential Aides-de-camp. The whole story is therefore a flight of imagination.

According to the *Siglo*, the Finance Committee of the Representatives, having consulted with the Minister of Finance, will report in favor of the financial schemes presented last month by the Government, but with some important modifications, including a reduction of the amount of debt to be emitted. The Report is being drafted by Dr. M. C. Martinez.

Of other matters, we find absolutely nothing worth repeating for the moment.

## POLITICAL DEGRADATION.

(B. A. Herald, April 26.)

The political condition of the Province of Buenos Aires presents one of the most discouraging evidences of hopeless corruption which the country or the world has seen. It must be remembered that this Province has held itself quite above its sister Provinces as being more cultured and civilized more enlightened and law abiding, something, in fact, quite superior. The *Porteño* has hitherto posed as the best product of Argentine culture and has looked with benevolent pity on those not so well blessed with this possession. We must accept this claim so far as to admit that there is nothing better in the Republic than the Province of Buenos Aires and very little nearly as good, so that what we find there is to be accepted as the highest embodiment of the science of Government we have yet attained.

Let us look at the picture of this best, and what do we see? A legislature whose members have no conception whatever of their duties or their obligations, who desert their posts if they can thereby obstruct legislation, which otherwise they could not do, to prevent the will of the majority from taking effect,

resorting to low trickery and degrading expedients conniving at all manner of bad faith and corruption, showing a shameless alacrity in promoting fraud, provided they can participate in the results of the wrong doing, planning to circumvent the wishes of the people by sham voting, making a business and a job of the public service and participating in all kind of injustice. This is the record and the practice of the legislature of the most advanced and civilized Province of the Republic. We do not slander this Province; on the contrary, we take the charges and the confessions of those who are supposed to know the facts and to be benevolent judges.

At the present moment the Province is convulsed by an issue in which both sides are shamelessly corrupt, in which both are competing as to which can do the greatest number of discreditable things, in which both are devoted to fraud and to force in the contest for the control of the Government of the Province. Argentines are being asked what they can expect foreigners to think or say about the politics and the Government of the country when this is the best that can be shown. Do they think it would be an easy matter to do in justice to the politics of the Province? Do they think that any country under the sun could show anything more despicable and do they call this a creditable exhibition of self-government? What ground have we to suppose the world will consider us a respectable people when this is the best showing we can make? How is it thought possible for a foreign critic to do us injustice in view of what we ourselves see and say, and what happens continually? What reason have we to claim the slightest respect when we allow such political infamy to sully the name of the Republic?

It is not the foreigner who discredits the country, but its own sons, its own public men—who masquerade as statesmen! It is they who do such shameful things and it is they who make the name of Argentina a byword and a reproach among the Nations of the world. It is such as they and no others who prevent the rapid growth of the Republic and bring it into disrepute. It is they who keep it weak and under populated, who keep its credit discredibly low, and it is they who stand in the way of its honour and advancement. It is they who, while posing as patriots, have not the slightest conception of the meaning of the term, but might be more aptly designated as Judas who betray their country with a kiss for the substantial equivalent of thirty pieces of silver. These are not soft sayings but they are absolutely true; and however these worthies may brazen out their shameful deeds in the eyes of their too indulgent countrymen, an impartial and critical world will form its own opinion and draw its own conclusions as to the political degradation of the people of this Republic.

## Insurance Frauds.

The policy for making up for trade losses by shifting them on to the shoulders of the Insurance Companies is becoming so general that if the law of the land does not make a stand against it will become a settled characteristic of business. As matters stand, hardly a single fire occurs that there is not the gravest suspicion of intention rather than accident being the responsible agent, and yet we have seen no sentence so far calculated to inspire delinquents with a lively fear of the law's majesty. What we have seen is goods carted away secretly prior to fires, conspiracies brought to light of witnesses suborned, distinct prima facie evidence of arson, but no punishment beyond the release of the insurance. It is only a few days since a Rosario judge ruled that the discovery of several bundles of straw soaked in kerosene in a house "accidentally" on fire was no reflection on the owner, because nobody had seen him place them there. Possibly His Worship thought it in the nature of straw to get "kerosened" at every opportunity. At all events there was no ten years with hard labour entered on the books, and the assisted blazes keep cropping up with alarming frequency, for the good reason that there is nothing to lose and much to gain. An other case has just come to light at Las Rosas where an alacran insured for \$4,000 in the North British and Mercantile met with an "accident." The owner, Mr. Benvenuto, was not on the premises at the time, being in fact in Rosario, but some ugly rumours began to get about, and it is now said that the two dependents, at the instigation of the owner, started the liquidation. We only give these "casos concretos" as samples, because they are very frequent. It would be impossible to set forth the instances which, though lacking actual proof, afford very vigorous suspicion. Surely, justice ought to tackle this growing evil with more resolution.—B. A. Standard.

## The Fighting in Samoa.

Apia, March 23.

Via Auckland, March 29.

The Mataafa chiefs continue to settle treaty at defiance. Admiral Kautz summoned the Consuls and the senior naval officers to a meeting on board the Philadelphia, when it was resolved to dismiss the provisional Government. The Admiral accordingly issued a proclamation calling upon the Mataafa chiefs to return to their homes. Mataafa thereupon evacuated Mulimau and went inland. The German Consul issued a proclamation upholding the provisional Government, and Mataafa's men assembled in force, hemming in the town. H. M. cruiser Royalist brought back the Malleoan prisoners from the islands. The Ameri men fortified Mulimau, and two thousand Malleoan natives took refuge there. The Mataafa then barricaded the roads within the municipality, and seized the British houses. In ultimatum was sent to them, stating that if they did not evacuate the municipality a bombardment would commence at one o'clock, on the 15th. This proclamation was ignored by the Mataafa, who began to attack the Malleoans. At the direction of the American and British Consuls, half an hour before the time fixed for the bombardment of the town, the Philadelphia, Royalist, and Porpoise, opened fire on some distant villages. Great difficulty was experienced in locating the enemy, owing to the dense forest. Some of the villages along the shore were soon burning. A defective shell from the Philadelphia exploded near the American Consulate, and some men who were standing outside the building had a narrow escape. Private Rudge had his leg shattered and the limb had to be amputated. The rebels made a hot night attack on the town, and killed three British sailors. A British marine was shot in the legs by his own sentry, and another was shot in the feet. An American sentry was killed at his post. The bombardment has continued slowly for eight days. Many of the inhabitants of the town have taken refuge on board the Royalist, which is greatly crowded. Many others are leaving Samoa. The Captain of the Royalist is urging them to do this in order to prevent them impeding military operations. A piece of the defective shell from the Philadelphia went through the German Consulate, smashing some crockery. The Germans then went on board the Falke. A hot fire into the jungle has been kept up but it is impossible to say how many have been killed. The Porpoise has shelled the villages east and west of Apia, and captured many boats. The British and Americans are fighting splendidly together. The feeling against the Germans is very bitter. One Englishman and one German have been arrested as spies.

## A New Satellite of Saturn.

On September 9, 1892, the astronomical world was startled by the news that that great planet Jupiter had given birth, so to speak, to a new satellite or moon, this small body having been detected near the central luminary by that distinguished and careful observer, Professor Barnard, with the now world renowned telescope, presented by Mr. Lick, for the furtherance of observational astronomy in America.

Galeho was who first discovered that the planet Jupiter had four moons, and this was one of the first results of his turning the "optik tube" towards the sky. Since that day the greater perfection obtained in the construction of telescopes has led astronomers to become acquainted with most of the bodies in the heavens which may be picked up by the eye, even down to objects the brightness of which does not exceed an eleventh or twelfth magnitude.

The little body found by Professor Barnard can only be seen with very large instruments, and it revolves round the giant central luminary in very nearly twelve hours, and this motion takes place so close to the primary, that if special precautions be not taken to shield off the light of the latter, the satellite cannot be seen.

The application of the photographic camera to the modern telescope has so advanced the study of astronomy that we are now able to photograph objects in the sky which we cannot and never will be able to see. The great sensitivity of the photographic plate, and the fact that such a plate placed in the focus of a large objective can be pointed to any part of the heavens for long periods of time, give us a means of diving into the unknown, a method of which the astronomer now takes the greatest advantage.

It was only last year that a most important discovery was made at the Berlin observatory, by Dr. Witt, of a new planet, now named Eros, that was found to approach the sun nearer than its neighbour Mars.

Photography was the direct cause of this discovery, and, in fact,

the planet was detected first on the photographic plate, and afterwards in the heavens by means of visual observations at the eyepiece of a telescope.

The importance of photography in the pursuit of astronomical studies cannot be overated, and it is only in the last few days that another fine discovery has been made by its means.

This discovery also hails from America, and is connected with that most beautiful and curious planet, Saturn, which makes its journey round our own sun.

Saturn, as most of our readers probably know, is surrounded by a magnificent ring, the appearance of which is always changing, owing to its inclination to the plane in which the earth makes its movement about the sun. Round him (Saturn) also revolve no less than eight moons, but now, according to the most recent news, we must add another to this number.

Professor William Pickering, who has announced his discovery by telegram, tells us that on four photographs which he has been fortunate enough to obtain he has detected a small body of the fifteenth magnitude which must be classed as a satellite of Saturn. A brief computation has shown him that it revolves round the primary in a period of seventeen months; its orbit or path lies, therefore, outside those of all the other satellites of this planet, the one furthest away performing its journey in about 40 days, or less than three months.

With so little information at hand, it is impossible to do more than simply announce the discovery, but we hope, when more is learnt about this new member of the Saturnian family, to give our readers further particulars concerning it.

## The Food and Endurance of Arabian Porters.

Arab carriers bear great loads upon their backs, and go at a trotting pace from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. During the month of Ramadan the Koran forbids the taking of food between sunrise and sunset, and this law is said to be held sacred and rarely violated. Not only do these porters continue their arduous physical exertion during the twelve labouring hours of the day without taking any food during that period, but the French inspectors who are in charge of the gangs told our informant that they could work better during the month of the fast than at any other time of the year, because their energy was not needed for digestion. At eventide, these Arabs have a moderate meal of wheatmeal porridge, mixed with large proportions of butter (it is to be had cheap) or olive-oil. Their expenditure for food is not more than six or seven cents a day, and the only luxury which they permit themselves is a cup of very strong black coffee and a cigarette. The idler exists on one cent's worth of bread with a little olive-oil, which he buys for an additional five cents.—Vegetarian Messenger (U.S.).

## Holy Trinity Church.

April 30.—IV Sunday after Easter.  
8.15 a. m.—Holy Communion.  
9.45 a. m.—Children's service.  
11 a. m.—Matins and Sermon, Venite, Psalms, 30th day.—Te Deum.  
1.30 p. m.—Benedictus, Viret.—Hymns.  
3.30 p. m.—Antiphon.—  
8 p. m.—Evening and Sermon, Psalms, for 30th day. Magnificat, Gounod.—Nunc Dimittis, Gounod.—Hymns, 242, 290, 293.

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## Salvation Army.

Spanish meetings are held at Calle Cerro Largo 174, corner of Rio Negro, every evening except Tuesday at 8 a. m. Sundays, at 7 a. m. and 8 p. m.—Children's Meetings Sundays at 3 p. m. and Thursdays at 4 p. m.—T. Frisch, Captain, 116 Orillas del Plata.

## SUNDRIES.

—Great excitement, says a telegram, prevails among the manufacturers in Glasgow on account of the continued rise in the price of pig iron, which has upset the base of all their contracts. The rise is attributed to the formation of a "trust" in the United States.—As we said the other day, these "trusts" are entirely immoral and abominable. Their tendency is to concentrate the producing power of the world in the hands of a few large capitalists, and in order that these may add to their already excessive wealth, all small capitalists are crushed out of existence, and wage earners everywhere are reduced to a condition of the most abject economic slavery, the livelihood of thousands and even millions being made dependent on the caprice of a few. The time must come when these "trusts" will be declared illegal, as they are already known to be pernicious and immoral.

—There has been the usual shout of alarm because of the occurrence

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in Buenos Aires of five or six cases, some of them fatal, of a mysterious complaint which the Health Authorities either cannot or will not definitely declare to be yellow fever. Fortunately, at this time of the year, even if it be yellow fever, there is no fear of an epidemic so the alarm is rather superfluous.

—We are threatened with a visit, at one of the theatres, from an "Infantile Company" playing Spanish Zarzuelas. This form of entertainment, in its present development, is poor enough when presented by adults, but when mangled by the immature faculties of children it becomes something worse than intolerable. It is getting time to ask Messrs. Carbone, who have the monopoly of the theatres, when they intend to present us with theatrical fare worthy the attention of an intelligent and educated audience—under which head neither fourteenth rate Spanish Zarzuela, nor cinematographic bull-fights, nor "Infantile Companies," can be included. Judging from the specimens of their catering of late, either they have the lowest opinion of the taste of Montevideo audiences, or else they are unable to contract with respectable companies. They want to do better than this to justify the monopoly they are exercising.

—Fresh attractions are announced at the Casino for to-night, namely the debut of Sr. Martini, shadow-graphist, and of Miss Stella Follet, a young American lady who practices the graceful art of serpentine dancing. The performance this evening will be for the benefit of that very pleasing and clever singer "Napolina." Next week there will appear the Mexican Sharp-shooter Miss Giddy Viaz, who distinguished herself in Buenos Aires by lodging a bullet in her own body.

—The Italian electrical engineer Sr. Marconi, inventor of the wireless telegraph, has obtained further success in the experiments which he has recently been making on the coast of Great Britain. He has managed to telegraph to a vessel in an intelligible manner although it was navigating at a fair speed; and he has also succeeded in concentrating the transmission of a telegram to a selected instrument to the exclusion of the others.

—At the Bellevue Hospital in New York, a new anaesthetic called eucaine is being tried with splendid results. The patients who are under the action of eucaine do not feel any pain on being operated upon, although they preserve complete use of their faculties. They can thus look on complacently and painlessly whilst the surgeons are occupied in carving their legs or making incisions in their livers. (This may prove interesting to some, but we doubt if it will generally be considered an advantage. For our part, we would prefer unconsciousness, as well as painlessness.)

—Among recent departures from Rio, the *Rio News* mentions those of U. S. Consul-general Seeger and Mrs. Seeger, who left for southern Brazil on the 8th inst. They went first to Paranaaguá and Curitiba, and are making an extended visit at the last named place, from which they will go to all points of interest in that locality. They will then visit Desterro, Rio Grande Porto Alegre, and possibly Montevideo and Buenos Aires. At Curitiba Mr. and Mrs. Seeger received a very enthusiastic welcome from the small American colony residing in that capital.

—Negotiations are now being set on foot by the British Astronomical Association for the organization of two expeditions to observe the total solar eclipse of May 28, 1900—the one to Portugal, Spain, and Algiers, the other to the United States. Mr. E. Walter Maunder is director of the European expedition, while the Rev. I. M. Bacon will have charge of the American party. Both these astronomers went to India to observe the last total solar eclipse of January 1898.

—Bishop Warren, says the *B. A. Herald* of Wednesday, arrived from Mar del Plata yesterday in an excellent state of health, considering the recent illness which he has suffered. At present he is the guest of Dr. Drees, and is in fine condition to begin his duties on Thursday morning at the opening of the Annual Conference Methodist Ministers from all parts of the surrounding country are beginning to gather in this city in anticipation of the Conference.

—Telegrams from Manila state that a large number of Spaniards, English and Germans residing in Luzon and other islands of the Philippine archipelago have presented claims to General Otis for damages suffered on account of the war, amounting to several millions of dollars. General Otis, while not admitting those claims, has replied that he will submit them to the Government for its consideration.

—The *Rio News* states that the notorious Joaquin Freire, who was accused of being implicated in the political murders committed under the government of Marshal Flo-

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riano Peixoto, in the murder of Col. Gentil de Castro, in the murder of Marshal Bittencourt and in the attempt on the life of President Prudente de Moraes, has been appointed assistant prosecuting attorney at Mipibú, in the state of Rio Grande do Norte.

The P. S. N. Co's "Orcana," bringing London dates to the 8th instant, is expected on Monday morning, leaving the same day for the West Coast.

The Golf match against officers of H. M. S. vessels has been postponed until May 11. On Monday next (holiday) the Committee of the Golf Club will offer a prize for competition, without entrance fee, when the competitors will be pitted against that renowned champion Colonel Dogey. Entries for this will be received until Sunday afternoon.

On Sunday next, there will be a special collection at Holy Trinity Church on behalf of the British Hospital. Wemy take this opportunity of mentioning that Mr. J. Adams has been appointed Hon. Secretary to the Hospital, and Mr. E. O. Crocker Hon. Treasurer.

The Tribunal of Appeal has reduced from seven to three years' imprisonment the sentence passed on Jose Rodriguez da Silva, who caused the death of Meliton Infante two years ago. The two were indulging in horse-play with knives, which, as often happens, degenerated into earnest on one of them receiving an accidental wound, but the case can hardly be called one of deliberate murder, so the leniency of the sentence is not without justification.

The Lira Institute will give its first concert of the season to-morrow evening, for which a very attractive programme has been prepared, professors and pupils taking part.

Yesterday's telegrams from Manila announced the taking by the U. S. forces, on Wednesday, of the town of Calumpit, regarded as the last stronghold of Aguinaldo. The Tagals made a desperate resistance, and for the first time made use of their artillery, but their marksmanship was bad and the shells did little harm. The Americans had only eight killed, but the Tagal losses are said to be heavy. Several of their leaders were taken prisoners. Nothing is said about Aguinaldo himself.

Mr. Hay, Secretary of State, has notified the Spanish Government that it has been proved that several Spanish functionaries have supplied and are supplying arms to the Philippine insurgents, it being due to this fact that they have such abundant material. Mr. Hay does not doubt that Spain will employ every means in her power to put an end to this state of affairs.

A painful sensation has been caused in Rome by the suicide of General Nicola Marselli, who threw himself from an upper balcony of the house, just as his only child, who had been married that same day to Col. Anadasi, was leaving on her bridal tour. The General had been mentally affected for some time.

There were lively times in the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies on Wednesday, the Honorable Deputies coming to fistfists and even revolver shots.

Sir Julian Pauncelote, British Ambassador at Washington has left for London en route for La Hague, where he will be one of the representatives of Great Britain in the fast approaching disarmament conference.

## LONDON NOTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 30.  
Mr. Ballou was interviewed at the Foreign Office yesterday by a deputation whose object was to lay before the Government a memorial calling attention to the national movement in favour of the coming Peace Conference, convened at the instance of the Czar. The speakers on behalf of the deputation were the Earl of Aberdeen, the Bishop of London, Mr. Courtney, M. P., Mr. G. Shaw Lefevre, the Rev. Dr. Clifford, Mr. Maddison, M. P., Mr. John O'Connor, and Mr. W. T. Stead.

In reply, the First Lord of the Treasury, who represented the Prime Minister, warmly sympathized with the aspiration for peace, which he described as deeply rooted among the British people. Having condemned the "narrow and most foolish and most selfish view" that a country is benefited by injury to rivals, he expressed a sanguine opinion as to the diminution of war, held that the scheme for a treaty of arbitration between the United States and this country was, though deferred, not defeated, and declared that even if the coming Conference should express only pious opinions it would not have been called in vain.

In order to get over the deadlock at Sydney with regard to the Federation Bill, Mr. Reid, the Premier, proposes the appointment of additional members of the Legislative Council, Sir F. M. Darley, the Acting Governor, agrees to the appointments.

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Sole Agent for the Uruguay Republic.

Arrangements are being made for the further stay of the British troops at Omdurman, owing to the movements of the Khalifa.

More trouble is reported from Samoa. Advice from Apia, dated the 23rd instant, state that Mataafa and his chiefs having ignored a proclamation issued by the American Admiral in accord with the British and American Consuls calling upon them to return to their homes, the British and American warships began a bombardment, the German Consul having meanwhile proclaimed his support of Mataafa's Government. The rebels attacked the town, and three British bluejackets and one American sentry were killed, while others were wounded.

A serious charge is brought against M. Dupuy by M. Jaurès, the well-known Socialist, who challenges contradiction in stating that the French Premier has abstracted from the secret Dreyfus dossier certain papers which would cast odium upon members of the Cabinet of which he was at the head in 1894.

Stormy scenes were witnessed in the Belgian Chamber yesterday as the outcome of an altercation over the expulsion of M. Victor Charbonnel. The public in the galleries contributed to the disorder, and being called upon to leave, refused, and had to be expelled by soldiers.

In an interesting account of his experiences and impressions during a long stay in the Pamir district, Mr. R. P. Cobbold draws attention to the restless activity of the Russians along the Oxus, and declares that every preparation has been made along the frontier to occupy the north and north-west of Afghanistan with Cossacks in the event of the Ameer's death.

Favoured by pleasant weather the Pegasus Club held its Point-to-Point Races at Northolt, near Harrow, yesterday. Mr. Justice Grant-ham acted as judge, and among those present were the Lord Chancellor, Justices Kennedy and Bucknill, and many well-known members of the Junior Bar. Mr. Rupert Gwynne's Pauken won the Challenge Cup for heavy weights. Mr. Howel Price's Sprightly and Mr. Harold Russell's Morreen ran a dead heat for the light weight race, and Mr. R. E. Morris won the Inns of Court Steeplechase with Busman.

As the result of an action brought by a Liverpool firm against the Lagunas Nitrate Company to recover damages for breach of an agency agreement, and other matters arising therefrom, a verdict for £25,070—less a sum of £4,500 already paid—was yesterday returned for the plaintiffs in the Queen's Bench Division.

Damages to the extent of £250, with costs, were yesterday awarded against the proprietress of a journal called "Baby" for infringement of the copyright of works published by Mrs. L. J. Miln in "Madame," a ladies' newspaper. Mr. Justice Wills remarked that very considerable wrong had been done to the plaintiff, and that her work had been merclessly appropriated by the defendant.

A sad story was told yesterday before Sir Francis Jeune, President of the Divorce Division. Lieutenant W. Pringle Harrison, of the Indian Army, was the petitioner, the respondent being Major Hugh Rose, of the 3rd Goorkhas. There was no defence to the suit, in support of which a remarkable letter from Mrs. Harrison, the respondent, to Major Rose was read. A decree nisi was granted, with costs, and the custody of the two elder children.

## COMMERCIAL

### STOCK EXCHANGE.

Montevideo, April 27, 1899.

Business to-day was fairly brisk again, there being considerable movement both in Consolidated and

Bank shares. Prices were firm with minor fluctuations at former level. Sales as follows.—

Extraordinary 1897 Loan, \$5000 at 64.50 and of May. Ditto, 2nd Series, \$43,000 at 63.50 cash and end of month, 64.10 and 64 end of May. Treasury Certificates Debt, \$20,312 at 63.50 to 63.30 to 63.50, closing 63.30 cash.

Interior Debt, \$5000 at 50.50 Mortgage Bank, 2330 shares at 16.80 cash, 16.90 and 16.80 end of month, 17 and 16.90 end of May.

Consolidated Debt, \$300,330 at 49 and 48.90, closing 48.90 cash, 49 end of month, 48.50 end of May. No London quotation.

### EXCHANGE.

|                | Bank.      | Commercial. |
|----------------|------------|-------------|
| London 90d/s.  | 51.12-9/16 | 51.11/16    |
| Paris 90d/s.   | 5.40       | 5.42-43     |
| Antwerp 90d/s. | 5.41       | 5.43-44     |
| Germany 90d/s. | 4.38-39    | 4.41        |
| N. York        | 88-89      | —           |
| Italy          | 5.74-75    | —           |
| Spain          | 6.25-30    | —           |
| Brazil         | 58.00      | 84.00       |
| B. Aires,      | 1/8 prem.  | 1/2 dis.    |

### Business Notes.

The Custom House paid into the London Bank yesterday \$19871 on account of the Consolidated Debt and Railway guarantee service and \$2428 on account of the 5% Loan service.

Gold opened in B. Aires yesterday at 228.70 and closed at 230.50.

Exchange upon London was quoted in Rio Janeiro yesterday at 71/16 to 1/8 to 5/32d. per milreis.

London, 27. Wheat 25s-3d. Linseed 81s-1 1/2d. Maize 15s-1 1/2d. Antwerp. Wheat 14.625 francs, linseed 20.635, maize 8.75. Wool, class B, 5.75 francs for May, 5.825 for August.

Wheat quiet and hardly so firm. Some 1800 bags sold at \$2.30 superior, 2.25 good, without bag. Maize as before.

The new Corn Market has been definitely installed in the part of the Central Railway Station formerly occupied by the Post Office. Up to the present 102 subscribers have been booked.

According to a revised computation made by the *Telegrapho Marittimo*, the total amount of wool embarked from all parts of the Republic from October 1 to March 31, was 40,341,279 kilos or say 80,682 bales, of which 31,474,500 kilos were from the port of Montevideo.

### Saladero Killings.

|                          | April 27. Total to date. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| R. Celozzo               | 427                      |
| P. Denis & Co.           | 1171                     |
| Anaya & Irigoyen         | 740                      |
| Aguerre y Ca.            | 198                      |
| Clonetz y Duclos         | 26658                    |
| F. Reguero               | 24327                    |
| P. San Martin & hijos    | 27008                    |
| Rosario Tabares          | 19278                    |
| Duclos y Monlié          | 4155                     |
| E. Legrand y Co.         | 10947                    |
| F. Cibils Larraide y Co. | 14138                    |
| Jaime Hnos.              | 21400                    |
| Total.                   | 9663                     |

Same period 1898. 18127  
1897. 248462  
Prices, Buenos Aires, April 27, 1899.  
• Novillos, \$ 18 to 21 1/2  
• Vacas, \$ 9 3/4 to 11 1/2

Buenos Aires, April 27, 1899.  
Gold, cash, 230.  
Do. end of month, 230.  
Cedulas 8% Prov., cash, 13.60.  
Banco Español cash, 122.50.  
Certificados Bo. de la Provincia, cash, 36.50.  
Empréstito Popular Interno, 1898, cash, 72.90.  
Do. end of month, 72.90.  
The "Helios" and "Saturno" sail.

## MARITIME

### ARRIVALS AND SAILINGS.

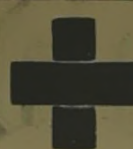
Montevideo, April 27, 1899.

—Str. Eolo from B. Aires, 31 pass.

—Str. Labrador from Salto, 3 pass.

—Str. Sydenham from Cardiff, for B. Aires.

—Str. Olbia from Marseilles, 7 pass.



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|-----------------|--------------------------|
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| EASTERN PRINCE  | For Antwerp, April 30.   |
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—Str. Bellena for B. Aires.

—Str. Eolo and Paris for B. Aires.

### Shipping Notes.

The question of the salvage of the "Beacon Grange" has at length been arranged between Messrs. Lussich and Capt. Young in representation of Lloyd's. Messrs. Lussich are to receive £15,000 for their work in saving the vessel.

The "Tank" Type of Ship, we are reminded by a German contemporary, is now represented by 180 vessels, having 401,024 gross registered tonnage. From the same source we gather that the first tank steamer, the *Gluckauf*, appeared in Genoa's harbor in July 1886, so the type has rapidly increased in favour. Of the 180 vessels referred to no less than 70, of 210, 586 tons, are English owned; Germany coming second, with 22 such vessels, aggregating 65,112 tons; Holland third, with 18 vessels, of 37,714 tons; Russia fourth, with 36 vessels, of 30,673 tons; and America fifth, with 10 vessels, and 16,987 tons.—*Shipping World*.

### MAIL STEAMERS

#### LEAVING TO-DAY

The str. VENUS will leave TO-DAY for B. Aires only. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 4.45 p. m.

The str. HELIOS and LA-BRADOR will leave TO-DAY for B. Aires and Salto; and the SATURNO for B. Aires and Asuncion. Hours as above.

#### OTHER DATES

The R. M. S. NILE will leave April 29 for Rio Janeiro, Bahia, Pernambuco, Lisbon, Vigo, Cherbourg and Southampton. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 12 m.

The str. ORCANA will leave May 1 for Sandy Point, Coronal, Talcahuano and Valparaiso. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 12 m.

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"She crept down the stairs after me, as her custom was, for a quiet word or two in a little room off the hall.

"He is so much better to-day," she said, smiling up into my face. "We are having a happy last day together, are we not? He has laughed twice at things of his own saying, too—not mine—since noon."

"She came close up to me, and laid her hand upon my arm. It did not tremble, nor did her lips as she spoke, but all her face, from brow to chin, was white as one out in marble; only her eyes glowed.

"Tell me," she said, "how shall we explain these other doctors coming to him? He will know; he will suspect. What shall we do, then?"

"For a moment I could not meet her eyes. I, who had seen these scenes so often, who knew their possible horror.

"Then I constrained myself. I laid my hand lightly on her shoulder, and drew her towards the light.

"We must do what seems best and wisest at the time. You can trust me, can you not? I said. 'Look at me, and see!'

"Yes, yes!" she answered, after a long, long look. "Always—always—always!"

"And she bent her head, and touched my hand with her lips. The contact was like the touch of the dead. Even loving her madly as I did, no smallest wave of passion stirred my pulses; only a shiver shook me as those death-cold lips clung for one awful instant to my shrinking flesh.

"I am so much alone in the world," she said. "I have no one but you to look to. When I married him, all my own people forsook me. Oh, I am so glad I did not mind what they said. And you are, too, are you not? For no one—no one else—could have been to him all that I have been—could they?"

"Tears are not much in our way, are they, Frank? But I tell you, I scarce could see that woman's face for a moment, and then only through a mist. My own selfish passion was dead for a time. There was no room in all my heart for anything but pity. I drew her closer to me. As her brother might have thrown a protecting arm about her shoulders, so did I. I touched the soft ripples of her hair with a reverent hand. She seemed to me as a child, wandering alone in the dark night of sorrow, and groping for a hand to clasp her own.

"It is kind and good of you to comfort me like this," she said. "And now let us talk a little—only a moment or two—and don't be angry with me if I ask silly questions—I am so ignorant in many ways."

"My heart misgave me; I longed to say, 'For Heaven's sake, do not ask too much!' I shuddered to think where her curiosity might lead her. She moved away from me, standing with her back to the window, the while the light fell full on me. Her lightly clasped hands fell against her black gown; I could see the delicious poise of her small head, but her face was in shadow.

"You have told me, dear, kind friend," she said, "that my darling will be well and wisely treated in this—here she caught her breath a moment—'new home to which you are going to take him; but what I want to know is this—trusting you always, believing you can speak no word to me that is not true and faithful, I am not afraid to show to you all my heart—will he not fret, will he not pine for me? He is so used to me, you see; we have been together all the time, day and night, night and day—ever since the wedding in the little City church, the wedding to which no one but poor old Janet would come, when the old pew-opener had to give me away, and I didn't care. You see, after all, it was I who gave myself away, body and soul, heart and hand, for ever and ever, for weal or woe. Now, tell me, when he knows, as he will, that you have taken him from me, what will he do?"

"Frank, I was tried beyond the bounds of endurance; my calmness forsook me.

"Good Heavens!" I cried; "can you not see—do you not know—that I would take all his infirmities upon myself to see him stand beside you, sane and well? If I take him from you, it is because—because—"

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roffed one iota in her dead calm by words that must have told how dear I held her. 'I knew you would not hurt me if you could help it,' she said softly; 'and I am grateful; but you and I do not matter very much—do we? It is of him we must speak—of him. He will know when the seizure is coming on, and he will cry for me, 'Gladys! Gladys!' and I shall not be there. Oh, Heaven! take pity on him then, for it will break his heart!'

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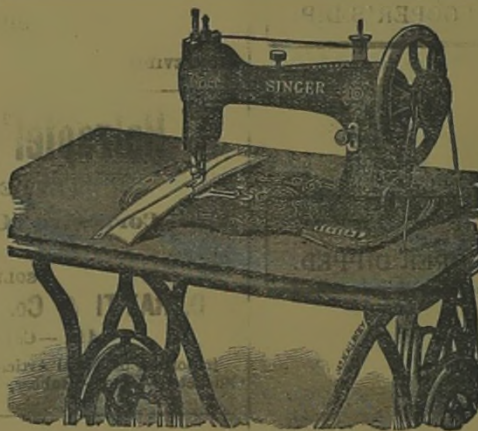
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