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NEWS OF THE DAY

MONTEVIDEO

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1899.

Marriage of St. John the Evangelist.—125 days past, 289 to the end of the year.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The Representatives sat on Thursday. Dr. Schiaffino presented a Bill for the creation, under University superintendence, of a School of Commerce and Industry, at the same time suppressing the present preparatory University course. Dr. Palomeque presented two short Bills concerning the internal discipline of the Chamber. Referred to the Committee of Legislation. Discussion of the Bills concerning administrative reorganization was then resumed. Dr. Palomeque made a lengthy and rather rambling speech, in the course of which he was more than once called to order. Eventually the Chamber once more adjourned without reaching any decision. (Another sitting wasted.) Judging from the report, affairs have become so "mixed," that the Chamber does not know which of several proposals is actually before it.

In the course of Dr. Palomeque's speech referred to above, he made another attack on the judicial power, claiming that though the Judges retained their posts in fact, they did not do so by right, as the judicial power was morally overthrown by the revolution of last year. A corrupt political situation implied a corrupt judicial organization, and the two should have fallen together, for the popular revolution was directed against both and all. This was shown by the loud public complaints against the judicial administration. It was attacked by all, defended by none. Magistrates of shady character, inept Judges corrupt functionaries, favoritism and personalities, these were what were seen, and it was these whom he now wished to see removed in the name of right and of justice, and this, he claimed, the present Chambers, as the real delegates and representatives of the people, had the constitutional right to do.—Dr. Palomeque's attacks on the Judges provoked an angry reply in defence from Sr. Garcia Santos and led to an altercation between the two.

It was announced yesterday that the Cust in Receipts for April reach the high figure of \$1,074,000. This is a very satisfactory result and shows that the revival of business is something more than a myth. The details will appear to-day. The receipt for April last year were \$1,018,872, and in 1897 the revolution being then most active, they were only \$695,314.

Mr. G. Collado, representative of the valuable Baring interests in this Republic and also Vice president of the Mortgage Bank, left yesterday in the "Orpesa," for a three or four months' trip to England. His visit is chiefly connected with the introduction of electric traction on the Baring group of tramways (the Pocitos, Buceo, Union Reducto and Este) a scheme which will be probably put into practice before the end of the year. Before leaving Mr. Collado (we learn from the *Siglo*) wrote a letter to the Minister of Finance, speaking very favorably of the present situation, and making an offer to the Government, on advantageous terms, of \$2,000,000 to meet its immediate financial necessities, the capital to come from London and Antwerp.

Dr. Campistegui, after laying the offer before President Cuevas, declined the offer with thanks, on the ground that the Government considered all its present difficulties met by the issue of the 3rd Series of the Extraordinary Loan now about to be sanctioned. (This double fact is worthy of note. In the first place the spontaneous offer of capital from a highly responsible quarter is proof of a return of confidence; and in the second place it is also noteworthy that an Uruguayan Government has been found to reject the offer and to express its ability to do without such financial assistance. We are certainly getting on.)

The Minister of Finance has presented to the President his scheme for the reform of the tobacco tax. The details have not transpired, but we understand that it includes a reduction of the import duty on tobacco, so as to offer less incitement to the smuggling of the article which, as is notorious, has assumed extensive proportions.

The Committee for the Revision of the Customs Tariffs is now turning its attention to the reduction of the duties on articles of first necessity, with the object of making living cheaper for the poorer classes. There is a great deal to be done in this direction, but at the same time the task is not an easy one for a reason that there can be no substantial interference with the revenue. However, the Committee should bear in mind that high duties do not bring high revenue, but, as has been proved here, are counterproductive, killing or diminishing a branch of commerce which might flourish under a more moderate and less prohibitive tariff. Many of the present duties, not alone on articles of first necessity, are prohibitive or almost so, and a reasonable reduction would therefore be more likely to increase the revenue from such articles by stimulating commerce in them, than to decrease it. The high tariff theory is a mischievous economic error, and especially so when applied to a country like Uruguay, which is only partially developed and has few manufacturing resources.

The Finance Committee of the Representatives has recommended a Bill for the appointment of a Commission to examine and report upon the fishing question, with a view to its better regulation, meanwhile giving the Executive discretionary authority to forbid fishing by means of steam trawls or drag nets, and making other temporary dispositions.

Yesterday's *Siglo* returns to the vexed question of the exaggerated pension list weighing on the public Treasury, and promises to revive a plan proposed some time ago by its editor Dr. E. Acevedo, by which the entire existing pension list could be redeemed within some twelve years by means of a sinking fund formed by a tax on the pensions themselves.

According to a statement current in official circles, the works for the Port of Montevideo will be contracted by the end of the current year, a call for tenders being issued for a period of four months. The scheme of the definite plans of the port, as approved by the Executive, will shortly be passed to the Chambers with the necessary capital, so the statement runs, is already assured!

THE ARGENTINE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.
(Concluded from our last.)

The forced currency and the prevalence of a currency subjected to fluctuations which either destroy or make fortunes, acts in the most onerous form of taxation, principally weighing upon the poorer classes, while it perturbs trade by its rapid appreciation or depreciation.

It has been said that one of the causes relating to the instability of our currency is the uncertainty prevailing among the tendencies and inclinations on the part of the Government. That being the case it is convenient to affirm the intention of the Government to proceed in a resolute manner towards the re-establishment of specie payments.

The Nation must, sooner or later, return to conversion, but it must not do so by immature action or by a precipitate solution. It is therefore convenient to fix a period within which to carry out that measure, determining the successive periods for partial conversion, thereby following the example of other Powers where a falling rate of conversion was adopted until specie circulation was attained.

Amongst other measures tending to bring about the desired result, it is necessary to form a specie reserve in the Bank of the Nation. The profits of that establishment should be applied to the formation of that reserve.

The purpose of conversion is a financial plan which compels us to reorganize and moralize all administrative reports, to study economy, to avoid exaggerated expenditure, to reduce or suppress certain taxes and to re-establish the equilibrium between revenue and expenditure, without which it is impossible to reach the conversion regime.

Bills will be submitted to the consideration of the Houses tending to carry out the views expressed and which will prove that my Government is contrary to further emissions of paper money to solve real or apparent difficulties. The ruinous course of emissions can only be justified by great conflicts. Emissions have no explanation in a period of peace and of economic and financial reestablishment.

The world's industrial movement is threatened with misery and ruin in nations unable to offer their products under advantageous circumstances. The country must, consequently, make an effort to increase and improve in quantity, quality and price, the products that are already accepted in foreign markets. Live-stock breeding and agriculture are both of them susceptible of great development.

LIBRARY.
"The Adventures of François," by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell. Macmillan's Colonial Library, No. 365. This is a very readable book, the scene of which is laid in the early stages of the first French Revolution, and which, judged by certain remarks made by the author at the end of the volume, is not without some foundation with fact. The central figure is an orphan named François who is in turn foundling, thief, juggler and fencing master. Hero he can hardly be called, but nevertheless Dr. Mitchell has contrived to make out of him a remarkably interesting study of character, whilst his adventures are sufficiently varied and exciting to form the basis of a capital story. As a youth François is introduced to us as having a remarkable talent for laughter—in other words an unusually keen sense of the humorous—which gets him into frequent trouble. There is behind this a dormant conscience, which his primary education as a choir-boy suppresses rather than develops, and which in truth is not developed until the end of his story. Circumstances lead him to adopt thieving as a profession, but he is always a conscientious thief, so to speak; his rascality is accidental and superficial rather than innate, and he is constantly showing impulses that are both good and heroic. It is easy to imagine that such a character playing an active part in the stirring scenes of the Revolution, leads to many interesting developments, and these Dr. Mitchell treats in a crisp and racy style, with a happy adaptation of the French idiomatic manner, that at once holds the reader's attention and maintains both interest and respect for the central figure. The only fault of the book is an entire absence of feminine interest, but otherwise it is original, attractive and successful, and we can heartily recommend its perusal.

We are in receipt of other numbers of Macmillan's Colonial Library, of which, for the present, we are not able to make more than brief mention. These are as follows.—No. 362. "The Treasury Officer's Wooing," by Cecil Lewis. This is a tale of the Anglo-Indian life made familiar by Rudyard Kipling, in which an interesting love story is worked out with a fair amount of "local color." It is cleverly written and very readable.

No. 363. "One of the Grenvilles," by S. R. Lysaght. Mr. Lysaght is a new author whose first novel, "The Marplot," achieved considerable success. Whether this is equally good, we cannot say, not having had time to peruse it. Anyhow, it is a solid work, occupying 500 pages of close print, so it is not to be tackled lightly.

No. 372. "Off the High Road," by Eleanor C. Price the authoress of several novels which have made their mark.

No. 383. "A Drama in Sunshine," by H. A. Vachell, an author whose previous efforts in fiction have made their mark.

The "Ersmack"
The ice breaker "Ersmack" has not been long in proving her quality. It will be remembered that the vessel left Newcastle on March 2, with Admiral Makaroff and several Russian officers as well as nineteen passengers on board. When the vessel arrived at Reval, she met with solid ice. The screw at the bow was, however, brought into requisition, the ice was broken, and the vessel was able to steam at the rate of seven knots an hour as far as the island of Hogland. But the novelty of the experiment demanded cautious navigation, and Admiral Makaroff gave the ship to go at night. When the island of Sescar was sighted, large frozen floes, varying in thickness from nine to ten feet, were fallen in with. Here the value of the bow propeller came into full prominence. The ice was broken into large pieces, which floated a stern; but so arduous was the task of getting through the solid mass,

that the rate of progress was but two and a half knots. The *Ersmack* reached Tolbeacon Lighthouse, about nine miles from Cronstadt, on March 16, and since then she has freed three steamers and an ice breaker belonging to the town of Reval from a critical position, and arrived at that town on March 24, having in tow five steamers which she had safely towed some considerable distance through thick ice.—*Shipping World.*

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The directors, in their report for the year ended January 31 last, state that the accounts show an available balance of £268,676 (including £163,067 brought forward from last year). An interim dividend of 10s. per share, amounting to £37,500, was paid in October last. The directors now recommend a further payment of 10s. per share, being a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, free of income-tax. The directors also recommend the payment of a bonus of 8s. per share, thus making a total distribution of 14 per cent. per annum, free of income-tax, on the paid up capital of the bank. The above payments will absorb £105,000, leaving a balance of £163,676 to the credit of profit and loss new account. The capital employed in Brazil stands in the books at the exchange of 12d per milreis, and the depreciation in value there of at the rate of 7 1/2 d. amounts to £116,075. The capital, however employed in the River Plate is, at the current exchange of 203/4 d per dollar, appreciated to the extent of £22,240; the net depreciation, therefore, in the value of the bank's capital in South America is, as certified in the auditor's report, £73,834, which is fully covered by the balance carried forward, say, £163,676.

Why 1900 Will not be a Leap Year.

The year is 365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes long, 11 minutes are taken every year to make the year 365 1/4 days long, and every fourth year we have an extra day. This was Julius Caesar's arrangement. Where do these eleven minutes come from? They come from the future, and are paid by omitting a leap-year every hundred years. But if a leap-year is omitted regularly every hundred years, in the course of four hundred years it is found that the eleven minutes taken each year will not only have been paid back, but that a whole day will have been taken up. So Pope Gregory XIII, who improved Caesar's calendar in 1582, decreed that every centennial year divisible by eighty should be a leap-year after all. So we borrow eleven minutes each year more than paying our borrowings back to omitting three leap-years in three centennial years, and square matters by having a leap-year in the fourth centennial year. Pope Gregory's arrangement is so exact, and the borrowing and paying back balance so nicely, that we borrow more than we pay back to the extent of only one day in 3866 years.

Passengers.

Left by the P. S. N. Co's "Orpesa," for Liverpool, etc., May 6—Mr. and Mrs. Germain Collado, Mr. James Fraser, Mrs. L. Prevost, Mr. M. Goyanes, Mr. W. Murray Wilson, Mr. C. Fernandez, Mr. J. Carroll, Mrs. R. Abellea, Sr. J. Jarvallo, Sr. M. Turbio, Sr. and Sr. M. Reveiras, Mrs. M. Francis and children, Mr. J. Gillespie and 3 children, 40 third class. From Buenos Aires, 140 passengers.

The only first class passenger for this port arrived by the R. M. S. "Clyde" yesterday was Sr. B. Caymari, from Rio Janeiro.

The P. S. N. Co's "Orissa," bringing London dates to about April 22, is expected on the 13th inst.

SUNDRIES.

—The quarantine nuisance is becoming something beyond all reason. The Buenos Aires papers of Tuesday were not delivered until late on Thursday afternoon. These of Wednesday have not appeared yet, and we may consider ourselves lucky if we get them this (Saturday) morning. Communication with Buenos Aires is thus reduced to two mails a week, and yet it is only 8 hours' voyage distant. We cannot imagine anything more absurd and obstructive. Even if it is considered necessary to put the vessels into quarantine, surely some means might be found of delivering the mails without such a monstrous delay as this. It is simply disgraceful in the highest degree that the important business relations between the two capitals should be subjected to such an interruption without any reason whatever. We might as well be back in the beginning of the century.

—Amongst the many remonstrances against the monstrous quarantine, has been a formal one from the Argentine Board of Health, which very properly pro-

tests against the implication that there is epidemic in Buenos Aires. Whether this will produce any effect remains to be seen.

—Another abuse complained of in connection with the quarantine is the old one of the excessive charges of the harpies at Flores Island, and of the tugs that bring the unfortunate quarantiners ashore. On account of the quarantine, Mihaovich's steamers have raised the passage from Buenos Aires to Montevideo to \$10 first class and three dollars second. At Flores Island, the victims have to pay \$2 and \$1.50 per diem respectively, and finally they are mulcted in \$2 and \$1 respectively to bring them ashore. Thus, to come from Buenos Aires it costs three days' loss of time and \$16 first class or \$7 second without counting extras. This is sheer extortion.

—Since the quarantine is imposed for the benefit of the health authorities here and not of the passengers, it is the former who ought to bear the extra expense entailed. Perhaps if this was done, we should hear no more of quarantine, which would be an unmitigated blessing.

—There is not much news about the "Falls of Inversnaid." The water has been pumped out of the forehold and the engine room, but she is still on the rocks, and as the water is low, it will be difficult to get her off. There is a tale current that when she first went on the rocks, the authorities at Colonia refused to allow any assistance to be given her, because she had still some hours of quarantine to fulfil! Is such barbarity possible?

—In the Argentine President's Message we find the following paragraph:—"Justice has fallen into discredit in our midst. The judicial problem of the Nation must, therefore, be taken in hand to guarantee life, property, general rights and material progress. A bill will be laid on the table of the House dealing with the reorganization of justice, beginning with the Justice of Peace and ending with the highest Court." When the *Times* correspondent ventured to hint that Argentine justice was not all it should be, the Buenos Aires native papers all attacked him as a malicious calumniator, yet it now appears that his opinion is shared by the President of the Republic.

—An amusing corollary to the above appears in a telegram of yesterday from Buenos Aires, which says:—"The Supreme Court of Justice held a Council to-day (Thursday) at which it was resolved to disavow the unfavorable judgements emitted in the president's message respecting federal justice, which justice, in the opinion of the Supreme Court, merits the confidence of the country."

—This is delightfully ludicrous. We can imagine the Judges and advocates meeting in solemn conclave and passing resolutions expressing how worthy, in their own opinion, they are of public confidence, whilst all the time the public have nothing but contempt and mistrust for them and all their proceedings. It is good enough for an opera bouffe.

—Some excitement has been caused in social and Catholic circles by the doings of "Father" Morandi. First of all it was announced that he had resigned the post he had occupied for some twelve years as Director of the Observatory in the Pio College of the Salesian Fathers at Villa Colon—in which institution he had lent valuable and well recognised scientific services. Then appeared a mysterious announcement, which was promptly connected with him, to the effect that a well-known Catholic priest was about to abandon his habits in order to be married; a statement which naturally caused no little flutter in extreme Catholic circles where the celibacy of the priesthood is regarded as an absolute article of faith (which, by the way, is a historical and doctrinal error). However, the gentleman in question has elucidated the mystery by publishing a letter stating that he has never taken priestly vows and consequently has no oath of celibacy to break, that he has no real claim to the title of "Father," but can claim that of "Professor," that he only wore a black gown to conform to the rules of the establishment, that it is quite true he intends to resign his post and to get married, having no taste for a celibate and monastic life, and that he takes the step with the full knowledge and approval of his superiors. This puts things in their right place, and it only remains for us to congratulate Professor Morandi and with him as much happiness and success in his new departure as when he masqueraded as "Father." Unfortunately we cannot complete the story by revealing the name of the lady of his choice.

—Quoth the *Rio News*:—"When ever there are complaints against the wretched state of affairs now prevailing in Brazil, some one takes the pains to assert that even under the monarchy the situation

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was not entirely satisfactory. Of course we all are, or at least ought to be, perfectly aware of that; but was the republic established to improve or to aggravate that situation? This is the question which, it seems to us, should be definitely settled. If the republic was established to improve the condition of the country, then let us all go to work to improve it instead of making it constantly worse.

A German paper has taken the public into its confidence on the subject of the slumbers of Imperial and Royal personages. Naturally the place of honour is given to the Kaiser. We are told that his bed is narrow, almost a camp bed, but his sheets are of the finest linen, and he loves a silk counterpane. He goes to bed at eleven, gets up at five, and is terribly agitated during his sleep. One would have imagined that the bed-side of Abdul Hamid was haunted by hosts of ghosts. As a matter of fact, however, it seems that Abdul Hamid sleeps on a couch of silk and gold, and as quietly as a child. The late French President had a splendid modern bed, with a soft-coloured eider-down quilt, but was disturbed by frequent nightmares.

LONDON NOTES

FRIDAY, APRIL 7.

The evidence of M. Bertulus, Examining Magistrate, before the Criminal Division of the Court of Cassation, was published by the "Figaro" yesterday. The witness deposed that, in the course of his investigation into the authorship of the telegrams signed "Blanche" and "Esperanza," he interrogated Colonel Picquart, who finished by inspiring him with confidence, his statements being corroborated. M. Bertulus described the police raids which were made at the residence of M. Pains and the circumstances leading up to the arrest of Esterhazy. M. Pains admitted that she was the author of the "Esperanza" telegram, and declared that Colonel du Paty de Clam was the author of the telegram signed "Blanche," but she afterwards withdrew these statements. M. Bertulus gives a most interesting account of a scene with the late Colonel Henry. He suggested to the Colonel that he had supplied Esterhazy with documents and says: "At such a position Henry collapsed in his chair without saying a word. Then suddenly he rose and came to wards me with his arms extended. He took my head in his hands and kissed me warmly on the forehead and cheeks, repeating again and again, 'Save us! save us!' I pushed Henry back into his chair and waited till his sobs should become less violent. After a time he exclaimed, 'Esterhazy is a scoundrel! Without giving him time to continue, supposing that he intended to do so, I remarked, 'Esterhazy is the author of the bordereau, is he not?' Henry did not say 'Yes,' or 'No,' he merely repeated, 'Do not insist. Do not insist. The honour of the Army before every thing.' I did not think it necessary to take further advantage of Henry's terrible state of trouble and emotion. He implored me in the full sense of the word." M. Bertulus said he did not know who the veiled lady was. He thought she was none other than du Paty de Clam himself, but the latter declared to him that she was a relation of Colonel Picquart.

Sir Henry Fowler, addressing his constituents at Willenhall last night, referred to the death of Mr. Ellis. He was, he said, a man of singular ability, and of great mental power enriched by a complete and varied education. He was a loyal Welshman, a loyal Liberal, and a loyal man. During the time he held the position of Liberal Whip he had on many trying occasions, amidst great difficulties, kept the Liberal party together by the exercise of great tact and wisdom and by his unflinching good temper. His loss would be felt by all parties.

Sir Henry Fowler devoted the main part of his speech to an analysis of the country's financial position, pointing out that of one hundred and two millions which represented our revenue, ninety-eight millions was paid by the taxpayer. On the incidence of this taxation he dwelt in detail. He commented strongly on the recent increase in expenditure, especially as regards grants to landlords and denominational schools. That upon the Navy he held to be justified, in view of the necessity of protecting

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our commerce and of ensuring the continuance of our goods supplies from abroad, but he trusted that if other Powers would only stop building further armaments we should take the same course. As to the coming year's finance, he expressed the hope that the Chancellor of the Exchequer would not borrow, and would refrain from interference with the Sinking Fund, which should be regarded as analogous to the war chests of other Great Powers.

Mr. Courtney, speaking at St. Clear last night, discussed the subject of old age pensions. The problem was he said a difficult one, but he thought there was some hope of a solution. A scheme of deferred pay, similar somewhat to that under which the police and the railway men of the country secured pensions, deserved close attention, although the effect would not be universal or immediate.

Brethren of the Trinity House yesterday visited the South Foreland, and witnessed experiments with wireless telegraphy. The demonstrations, which were regarded as important, from the point of view of saving life in case of shipping disasters off the coast, were, it is believed, considered to be highly satisfactory.

The Conference of the National Union of Teachers closed at Cambridge, yesterday, with the presentation of purses in support of the charity funds. The Birmingham trophy, for the largest contribution, was won by the Hackney Association; and the West Yorkshire shield, for the highest contribution per head of the membership, by the Westminster Association.

Dr. William Garnett presided yesterday afternoon and evening, in the theatre of the Society of Arts, over the second annual Conference of the National Association of Manual Training Teachers. Attention was drawn to the value of manual training, and to possible directions in which it might be developed.

Delegates of masters and men engaged in the plastering trade assembled yesterday at the offices of the Employers' Federation, in Bedford street, Strand, for the purpose of conferring on the present deadlock. The proceedings were abortive, in consequence of the men's representatives refusing to pledge themselves not to coerce foremen plasterers or superintendent plasterers into membership of their association. As a consequence, the masters declined to take any further part in the proceedings.

Sir William Laird, of Glasgow, has been appointed Chairman of the North British Railway in succession to Lord Tweeddale, the Deputy Chairmanship being conferred upon Mr. Grierson, who challenged the policy of the old Board of Directors.

Probate of the will of the late Sir W. Jenner has been granted, the estate being sworn at £385,000.

Joseph Fells and Vernon Fells, father and son, of Sago-street, Shadwell, were at the Thames Police court, yesterday, convicted for being in possession of a quantity of tinned goods, which were unfit for human food. The magistrate described the trade in such articles as nefarious, and sentenced the elder prisoner to four months' imprisonment with hard labour, ordering him also to pay twenty guineas towards the costs of the prosecution. The son was discharged with a caution. The prosecution was instituted by the Limehouse District Board of Works.

COMMERCIAL

STOCK EXCHANGE.

Montevideo, May 5, 1899.

Business to day was rather brisk. Prices opened rather weak and unsteady, with a fall from yesterday, but closed a little firmer with a recovering tendency. Sales as follows:—

Extraordinary Loan, 1st Series, \$26,000 at 64.90 and 65 cash, 65 to 65.30 end of month; 2nd Series, \$31,000 at 64.60 to 64.50 to 64.70 cash, 65 to 65.20 end of month.
Treasury Certificates Debt, \$32,700 at 64.20 to 64.10 to 64.40 cash, 64.40 to 64.30 end of month.
Deferred Debt, \$10,000 at 17 to 16.50.
Interior Debt, \$17.25 at 51.20.
Cedulas A, \$5,000 at 46.
Mortgage Bank, 180 shares at 16.90 and 16.80 cash.
Consolidated Debt, \$199,750 at 48.20 to 48.40 cash, 48.50 to 48.70 end of month, closing at the higher figures. The London quotation has gone back to 48 1/4.

	Bank.	Commercial.
London 90d/s.	51 1/4-3/8	51 7/16-1/2
Paris 90d/s.	5.88	5.41-415
Antwerp 90d/s.	5.88	5.42-425
Germany 90d/s.	4.87	4.89-40
N. York	98-99	—
Italy	5.71	—
Spain	6.80	—
Brazil	31.150	31.550
B. Aires.	1.8 prem.	1/2 dis.

Business Notes.
—The Customs House paid into the London Bank yesterday \$27841 on account of the Consolidated Debt and Railway guarantee service and \$3402 on account of the 6% Loan service.

—Gold opened in B. Aires yesterday at 229 and closed at 228.50.

—Exchange upon London was quoted in Rio Janeiro yesterday at 7 1/2 to 9/16 to 5/8 d. per milreis.

—London, 5. Wheat 25.3d. Linseed 31s 7 1/2 d. Maize 15s-6d.

—Antwerp. Wheat 14.625 francs, linseed 20.75, maize 9. Wool, class B. 6.05 francs for June, 6.175 for October.

—The Customs Receipts for April were \$1,076,916, against \$1,018,950 in the same month last year.

—Wheat steady. Some 3380 bags sold at \$2.25 and 2.80 good, 2.20 fideos, without bag. Maize not so firm, owing to large arrivals. Quotations, for good old \$1.65 to 1.60 with and \$1.45 to 1.50 without bag, new \$1.25 with bag.

—The large and splendid building at the corner of Calles 25 de Mayo and Zabala has just been sold to Taranco and Co., who will establish their mercantile offices there, for \$100,000 gold. This building, which is exceptionally substantial, was built in 1883 for the English Bank of the River Plate at the cost of much over \$200,000. When the Bank collapsed shortly after, it went into the assets. At present the upper floor is occupied by the British Legation and Consulate; and the ground floor is shared between Wilson Sons and Co. Ltd. (who will soon move to fine new premises of this town in Calle Misiones) and the R. P. Trust and Loan agency.

Buenos Aires, May 5, 1899.
Gold, cash, 229.30.
Do. end of month, 229.30.
Cedulas F Nacionales, 95.
Cedulas G Prov., cash, 18.50.
Consolidada Interna, 1894, cash, 85.
Emprestito Popular Interno, 1898, cash, 73.70.
Do. tow, 73.70.
Do. end of month, 74.
Do. 20 of June, 74.20.
Emprestito Municipal, 1897, cash, 76.
Consolidada de Santa Fe, 1886, cash, 48.
Do. 1893, 48.
No vessels sail.

MARITIME

ARRIVALS AND SAILINGS.

Montevideo, May 5, 1899.
—Str. Dagama from Cardiff.
—Str. Petropolis from Antwerp, 3 pass.
—Str. Agordat from Rosario.
—Str. Iydenne from B. Aires.
—Str. Melbourne from B. Aires.
—Str. Clyde from Southampton, 5 pass., for La Plata.
—Str. Aquitane from Marseilles, 56 pass., for B. Aires.
—Str. Orpesca from Liverpool, 52 pass.

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SAILINGS OF STEAMERS.
GRECIAN PRINCE, For Santos, May 15.
ZENOBIA, Left London, April 12.
KAFFIR PRINCE, Left New York, April 15.
CASTILLIAN PRINCE, Left London, April 22.
Accommodation for Passengers. Fare to Rio and Santos, \$30.
For further particulars apply to Prince Line Agency.
Buenos Aires, Reconquista 36—Rosario, San Martin 464—Montevideo, Cerrito 12.

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And at Buenos Aires, 25 de Mayo 287, or to Norton & Son, 90 Wall St., New York
Bucknall Nephews, 22 Crutched Friars, London, E. C.

MAIL STEAMERS

LEAVING TO-DAY
—The str. EOLO will leave TO-DAY for B. Aires only. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 4.15 p. m.

—The str. MONTEVIDEO will leave TO-DAY for Uruguayan ports only. Hours as above.
—The str. CORDILLERE will leave TODAY for R. Janeiro, Bahia, Pernambuco, Dakar, Lisbon and Bordeaux. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 1 p. m.

OTHER DATES
—The str. BAHIA will leave May 8 for Cherbourg and Hamburg. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 11 a. m.

—The str. PFALZ will leave May 11 for Las Palmas, Vigo, Southampton and Antwerp. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 10 a. m.

Steamers to arrive.

MAY	NAME	FLAG	FROM
6	Alacritá	Italian	Genoa
6	Merida	English	New-York
8	Hellagio	English	Pacific
8	Uruguay	French	Havre
9	Italo	French	Marseilles
9	Zenobia	English	Antwerp
9	Ebro	English	Southampton
9	Deserto	English	Rio Janeiro
10	N. América	English	Liverpool
11	Hyanthes	English	New Zealand
11	Kaikoura	English	Hamburg
12	Argentina	German	Bordeaux
12	Belvedere	English	Antwerp
12	Portugal	French	Bordeaux
12	Orono	English	Southampton
13	Orissa	English	Liverpool
14	Cordouan	French	Bordeaux
15	Messapia	Italian	Genoa
15	Heiburg	German	Bremen
16	Virgil	English	Glasgow
16	K. Prince	English	New York
16	Halie	English	Bremen
16	Lavinia	German	Falklands

Steamers to leave.

MAY	NAME	FLAG	FOR
6	Gushyba	German	Rotterdam
6	E. Lautsch	Argentine	Bahia
6	Cordillere	French	Bordeaux
7	Georgia	German	Genoa
8	Bahia	German	Chebourg
9	Aquitane	French	Marseilles
9	D. di Galliera	Italian	Genoa
10	Pavoni	Argentine	Genoa
11	Pfalz	German	Southampton
11	Deserto	Brazilian	Rio Janeiro
11	C. di Torino	Italian	Genoa
12	Kaikoura	English	London
13	Clyde	English	Southampton
13	Orissa	English	Valparaiso
13	G. Prince	English	Bremen
16	R. Margherita	Italian	Genoa
16	Ebro	English	Southampton
16	B. Aires	German	Vigo
16	Lavinia	German	London
16	Iauri	German	Havre
16	Italie	French	Marseilles
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19	Liguria	English	Liverpool
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This may be to a certain extent misleading to the general public.

You are the only Firm who supplies this Department with Scotch Whisky in bottle, and I know nothing of any other Whisky sold on the market as "House of Lords."

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I am, Gentlemen, Yours faithfully,
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Refreshment Department, January 26th, 1898
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(Continued)

"Why, it weighs nothing! I took it for bronze," said he, in surprise. "It looks like bronze; but I think my sister and I have exhausted the list of known materials without arriving at any idea of what it is," replied Felix. "I have shown him to different scientific men and gained no information. Nor can we discover where he came from. The East is rather a vague term to sit down content with."

"I thought I could have helped you there, said the Colonel, turning the figure round and round to examine it. "I know most of the manufactures of China, and India, and Japan, and have visited many a bazaar in Syria and Egypt, but I confess that I am baffled. I never met with this material, and I cannot identify the dress or the features, or the language inscribed on the giraffe. It is not for the wick-edness of spoiling such a beautiful piece of work, I should feel tempted to smash it up to see what was inside."

"It would not be such a very easy thing to do," said Ruth, who was standing behind them. "I have never confessed to my brother that one day, long ago, soon after we first had him, I let him fall on an enamel tray when I was dusting. I could not believe it when I picked him up and found neither spot nor mark on him. He is not easy to break."

"The style of the thing is Indian," said the Colonel, still fingering it thoughtfully; "but the actual features remind me more of old Assyrian faces. He looks as if he had lived in a long-past age. What is the box that he holds? Does it open?"

"It looks like it, but I have not been able to discover the secret," answered Felix. "And though I once succeeded in forcing it out of his hand, nobody else has been able to do it."

"Were any more of the kind sold hereabouts? Perhaps there might be something more distinctive about a second one."

"We have not heard of the Oriental's appearance at any village in the neighbourhood, and except at the Hall he did not show the figures at the other houses here," answered Felix. "The whole thing is queer."

Then they went over the story of the purchase, describing the seller and the baffled attempts of those who had tried to discover whence he came; and finally Colonel Tyndall rose to go, begging first to be allowed to look at the wood-carving in the room.

It was too dark to invite him to make inspection of the further treasures in the workshop, and their existence being mentioned, he begged that he might see them on some other occasion and bring his niece, as she was an enthusiastic lover of everything in the art line.

"As for your wonderful image, Mr. Grant," he said, as he left the room, "you should take him up to London and show him to experts there. It might lead to some interesting discovery."

"I shall be going up before the summer; I shall take him then," said Felix, casting a questioning glance back into the room at Abasuerus.

The face of Abasuerus said as plainly as words:

"Will you?"

The first visit of Clarinda Tyndall led to others, in spite of the knowledge of all parties of the disappearance of the powers at the Hall. Colonel Tyndall was connected with the Folliott, and treated their opinions with the frankness of a relative. He was, moreover, godfather to one of their boys, and having expectations on that score, they put up willingly with his frankness. His stay at Helling was short, and when he departed, leaving Clarinda to await his return at an indefinite date, Ruth began to read an uncomfortable significance into his remark that "his niece was a lover of everything in the art line."

"If you are not something in the art line, I don't really know what you are, Felix," she said to him seriously. "I do not think Clarie ought to come here quite so much."

"Don't bother, Ruthie," he replied, taking up a fresh tool. "I am in the hands of Abasuerus, at present. If I get into trouble, he must see me through."

"I was not thinking only of you getting into trouble. How about Clarie?"

"I don't know, Ruthie," he answered, with a lurking smile; "but it strikes me that Clarie is not at all unlikely to prove quite able to take care of herself."

Ruth sighed.

"I have warned you, any way," she said.

Felix had been fingering his image, as he had got much into the habit of doing since his first conversation with the Colonel, and while Ruth was still watching him, suddenly the cone-shaped box became once more detached, and lay in his hand.

"What a curious thing that is!" he said, examining both the box and the hand from which it came with searching scrutiny. "There is no visible reason why they ever should adhere, and no sign of the cause of their parting company. And the box

does look as if it was meant to open, as Kate N-wstead says." But he puzzled over it in vain. It would not yield to fingers, screw-driver, or nippers, and he was presently called away to speak to a man on business. He laid the box down on a pen-tray, but he was not surprised on his return to find it back in Abasuerus's hand. He had long ceased to be surprised by anything that Abasuerus did.

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