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MONTEVIDEO, SEPTEMBER 15, 1894.

THE AMORTIZATION OF THE CONSOLIDATED DEBT.

We mainly condense the following
ideas from an article in yesterday's
«Razon», probably due to the authori-
tative pen of Dr. C. M. Ramirez, ex-
minister of Finance.

It must be remembered that Par. 3
of Art. 7 of the London Convention
for the Consolidation of the Foreign
Debts of Uruguay, provides that the
balance of the 45% of the Customs
revenue assigned to the service of
the Consolidated Debt, after payment
of the Coupons and Railway Guar-
antees, shall be applied to the am-
ortization of the Bonds by purchase
in the market or by public tender. The
fund available for such amortization
is to be distributed between Monte-
video and London in the proportion
of the Bonds held in each market.
The service of the Consolidated Debt
commenced on February 1, 1892, but
so far there has been no amortization
because there has been no surplus
available for the purpose. Lately,
however, the situation has changed
for the better. After paying the
coupon and guarantees of August 1
last there remained a surplus of
\$487,964, nearly half a million
dollars. August yielded \$341,642
towards the service, and as this is
not likely to decrease during Sep-
tember and October, it may be
reasonably calculated that the
current quarter will give at
least \$1,045,000. The quarterly
service of the Coupons, unalterable,
demands \$795,865, and the maximum
quarterly service of the railway guar-
antees if they are required in full is
\$226,040; total quarterly liability
\$1,021,905. Deducting this from
the fund available there remains a
surplus of some \$24,100. This is the
pessimistic or lowest calculation,
allowing neither for the increase in
the Customs revenue which in-
variably occurs at this period of
the year, nor for any deduction
on behalf of the railway guarantees,
which is also almost equally
certain. It follows then that on
November 1 there will undoubtedly
be an available surplus of over
\$500,000. The Government would
do no more than interpret the spirit
of the Convention, if in November
next it were to devote a considerable
portion of this sum, say \$250,000, to
the amortization of the Bonds on the
terms specified. There would still
be a large reserve in hand in view
of any contingency, and on the other
hand, the revenue shows every
signs of steady increase, the best
months of the year are at hand, and
there is not the least danger that the
45% of the Customs revenue will
not suffice for the service to which it
is assigned. This commencement of
the amortization would in all prob-
ability have an excellent moral
effect as well. Moreover the surplus
which is to-day unproductive
would then practically return
the State 7% per annum,
since by it there can be redeemed
3 1/2% Bonds at 50% of their face
value, which is the quotation they
should reach in November. These
indications are worth considering.
If the Customs revenue for the cur-
rent September exceeds that of last
year—as already promises to be the
case—there should be no further
vacillation, and the announcement
of the approaching amortization
should be issued at once.

Not unconnected with the above,
we find the following paragraph in
the «Financial News» of August 23:—
«It is noticeable that there is a
premium in the market on small
bonds of Uruguay—which seems to
point to a demand on the part of
small investors. We are informed
that it is intended shortly to apply
to the Government for leave to com-
mence the operation of the sinking
fund at once. As the proportion of
the customs receipts pledged to the
service of the debt is now in excess

of the requirements, it is obvious
that the sooner the surplus is devoted
to the purchase of the bonds at the
current low price, the better it will
be for Uruguayan finances.»

NEWS OF THE DAY

MONTEVIDEO

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1894.
«Saint Nicomedes» Liverpool and Man-
chester Railway opened, 1852. Cairo oc-
cupied, 1882. 258 days past, 107 to the end
of the year.

Parliament.

Chamber of Representatives.

On Tuesday, Committee reports
on the Baring transaction and the
Annual Law of Licenses were distrib-
uted. A month's leave of absence
was granted to Deputy J. E. Zavala,
for reasons of health.
The rest of the short sitting was
occupied by minor business, of no
public interest.
The Permanent Commission also
held a short sitting on Tuesday, only
routine business being transacted.
What the Americans are doing to
the South American Trade.
(S. A. Journal, Aug. 18)

In our issue of the 4th inst. we
gave some account of the work
which is being done by the Bureau
of the American Republics at Wash-
ington with the object of assisting
the American manufacturers to ob-
tain a footing in the South American
markets. We spoke of the admirable
publications which have been issued
and are still being compiled descrip-
tive of the various South American
countries and their resources, and
including commercial directories in
each country, the customs tariffs, and
detailed descriptions of the method
of getting up and packing goods for
each market. These works form an
excellent ground work for building
up a trade, as they teach to those
who are intending to try to secure
some of the commerce, what is the
actual existing state and possibili-
ties of each country, and how busi-
ness is carried on there. The
Bureau is doing other good practical
work, it will soon be issuing month-
ly bulletins, giving an account of
any changes in the condition of
trade, alterations of tariff, &c. It also
undertakes to give special replies,
presumably for a small fee, to any
applicant who cannot find the in-
formation he requires in the pub-
lished bulletins. These applications
have been very numerous, and testi-
fy to the eagerness of American
manufacturers to engage in the
trade. It is also proposed to trans-
late into Spanish and Portuguese, and
distribute widely the catalogues of
any manufacturer who may com-
mission the Bureau to do so, and
probably a register will be opened
of capable commercial travellers
acquainted with the languages of
South America.

That these efforts have already
produced good results is apparent
from the tone of the last bulletin. It
says that the idea that European
manufacturers can undersell Ameri-
cans is long since exploded, since the
American workman with his superior
intelligence and labour saving ma-
chinery has been proved to be able
to produce articles both of better
quality and cheaper than can be done
by his rival in the old world. It is
stated that the exports from north to
South America have risen greatly
in amount, though no statistics are
given, and it is expected that they
will increase almost in geo-
metrical proportion, since the first
shipments may be regarded as to a
great extent only trial orders. The
demand for catalogues and price lists
has developed in even greater ratio,
as is shown by the wonderful aug-
mentation in the weight of the mails
carried. The new United States
tariff will also, when the clauses for
admitting raw materials free come
into force, undoubtedly give a great
impetus to this trade.

It is the custom amongst English
merchants to sneer at such efforts to
secure a trade by the aid of Govern-
ment patronage, but nevertheless it
appears to us that unless they also
begin to make some organized efforts
to retain the position they have
so long held in South America
they will have reason to re-
gret it before long. This opinion has
been expressed repeatedly by the
British consuls in these countries in
their reports to the Foreign Office.
It is not to be expected, however,
that our Government will do any-
thing in this direction, and if any-
thing is to be done it must be by
private enterprise, as is our national
custom. Unfortunately there appears
to be too much rivalry amongst
merchants engaged in a similar trade
to allow them to act in concert, and
it therefore seems to us that a
trading concern, would be a proper
organisation upon which to base a
South American Intelligence Depart-
ment in London. Already it fulfils
this office to a certain extent, and its
usefulness could be greatly extended
if it receives further support from
the commercial community.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The Representatives contrived to
summon up a quorum on Thursday,
which is a point gained, but the
business transacted was not of any
public interest.

There is still nothing doing in

official circles. The President is
indisposed with premonitory symp-
toms of influenza. There is nothing
new to report concerning the vacant
portfolio.

The United Committees of the
Representatives have issued their
report on the Bill for the compulsory
use of the Metric Decimal system,
and have, it is thought, found
means, through some minor con-
cessions, to conciliate the differences
existing between the two Chambers
over the Bill. It is thought that there
will now be no resistance to passing
the Bill in its new form, when re-
ferred to the General Assembly, as
it has to be.

Referring to the above mentioned
Bill, we note that it contains a clause
prohibiting, under penalty, the men-
tion of the equivalents of the old
weights and measures in any docu-
ments or operations by any persons
whatever. This seems to us not
only extraordinarily severe, but im-
possible of application. It is not to
be supposed that on a given day the
entire population is to leave
off talking of or asking for yards
and libras, and to ask for metres or
kilogrammes instead. It is both
proper and necessary that, for at
least some time to come, they should
know and be informed of the
equivalents of the new terms in the
more familiar measures. To sup-
press this would be as absurd as to
suppress the circulation of those
very necessary articles, tables of
reduction. At the least a discre-
tionary period should be allowed for so
radical a change, even whilst making
the use of the new system compul-
sory.

Several of our contemporaries yester-
day contained a very serious
denunciation. It is said that whilst
the Chief of Police of the Capital has
received from the Treasury his al-
lowance for June, the force under
his charge is only now being paid
for March and April. It is not the first
time that this serious irregularity has
been pointed out, for it is said that
the irregularity has been going on for
some time past. Government, how-
ever, has hitherto taken no notice of
the charges, owing probably to
«berreries» influences. As is only
too notorious, the Chief of Police
was the henchman of Dr.
Julio Herrera in his electoral
crimes and iniquities, and his
stay in his post, though a con-
stant matter of protest by the
press and the people, has been regar-
ded throughout the new administra-
tion as the outward sign and
standard of «berreries» predomi-
nance. It is impossible to deny that
the refusal of Sr. Borda at least to
change this official, if not to order a
judicial enquiry into his conduct, is
one of the least favorable and proper
acts of his administration, and gives
colour to the frequent assertions of
his want of independent action. Let
us hope that the fresh denunciations
now being made will receive more
attention than the previous ones. By
attending to them Sr. Borda has an
opportunity of recovering part of
the popular sympathies.

\$12,000 is the amount fruitlessly
expended on the Paraguayan medals.
For this waste of money, how-
ever, the present administration is
not to blame.
Yesterday's «Siglo» contains another
strong complaint about the slowness
with which the liquidation of the
miserable National Bank is being
conducted. It is whispered that the
Minister of Finance is by no means
blind to it, and contemplates
imparting some energy to the move-
ment. It is certainly time something
was done, if only to relieve the
market of the unsightly ruins of this
colossal fraud of «berreries». We
are afraid, however, that there are
too many «berreries» interests still
bound up with it, to allow the matter
to be dealt with either energetically
or straightforwardly.

As we expected, yesterday's «Nacion»
was once more raging, rabid, and
furious with the political remarks of
the «Siglo». We will not waste any
of our space by repeating its sophisms,
absurdities and falsehoods, the style
of which is too well known to com-
mand any further attention or
respect.

In addition to the proposals for the
port studies already mentioned, two
more proposals have been received
from Bemberg and Co. and from
Messrs. Medici and Lavalle, both of
Buenos Aires. The first named firm
presented a port scheme some time
back that was rejected by the
Council of Public Works.
Sr. B. Caymari, for some time
converted with the Western Rail-
ways business, is the bearer of the
other proposal. Messrs. Medici and
Lavalle, if we are not mistaken, are
chiefly known in connection with
some large concessions obtained in
Buenos Aires during the Celmou
period. We also learn that the pro-
posal of Herstein and Co. of Paris is
presented by Mr. Albert Roux, Presi-
dent of the French Chamber of
Commerce in this market. It has
been hinted that Dr. Julio Herrera
is interested in the last named, in
which case, «ware hawk».

Sr. Manuel Clemente, Jefe Politico
of Salto, whose peculiar electoral
proceedings have given rise to such
frequent comment, is expected in
the capital. It is presumed he comes
to consult with his master the Grand

Elector on electoral business. Another
case of «ware hawk».

Referring to the famous Herrera-
tastista dinner which was not eaten
on the 7th, General Carabuba, one
of the absent guests, has published a
letter refuting the «berreries»
version of the incident and using
some very plain-spoken expressions
towards the ex-president. He says,
«Dr. Herrera, who renders worship
to fiction and falsehood, is offended
with me, because I refused in
energetic terms to become a party to
his political intrigues, disguised
under the mask of cordial and fond
reconciliation.» And again, «The
rest of Dr. Herrera's letter is frivolous
declamation, which, united to the
spirit of routine he employs in
his criticism, give the effect of the
rattling of bones in a dance macabre.»
This will not please the devoted fol-
lowers of the Grand Elector.

Passengers.

Arrived by the R. M. S. «Thames»
from Southampton, etc., September
14.—Mr. F. Hunt. Mr. R. Hunt.
Mr. T. A. Maciej and wife, 10
third class. For Buenos Aires. 46
first class, 9 second and 49 third.

«Paaks» Speaks.

We quote the following passages
from one of Pank's usual spicy and
vigorous letters from Montevideo, in
the «B. A. Herald» of Thursday.—
«What the President will do or prove
himself worth in uncertain. So far,
he has, on the whole, conducted
affairs with a commendable degree
of prudence and tact. He has not
done all that could be wished by
those who have in view only the
best interests of the people, but he
has been dignified, serious, prudent
and honest in his official course.
He has quietly dropped a good
amount of the fuss and feathers
to which we have become accus-
tomed, and there is no possible doubt
that he has public confidence to a
degree that his predecessor never
had, and yet it remains an open
question whether he will prove strong
and great enough to emancipate him-
self from the deadly influence of
Herrera. He figured as a *Herrerista*
and was made President by Herrera.
To expect him to antagonize his
presidential creator is not reason-
able, but still he must elect either
to be the President of Uruguay
or the tool of Herrera. The great
question among the people and
friends of this country is as to what
he will do. Herrera is the incubus
of the country. There is no sin against
the Republic or its people that he
has not committed. He will stop at
nothing to perpetuate his power. He
aspires to be the maker and ruler of
puppet in the Presidential chair so
that he may be the real ruler. Will
President Borda drop into this dis-
reputable rôle or will he be the Pre-
sident? The best people of the Re-
public will stand with and by him if
he will show pluck enough to de-
clare his independence of any master
save the people. All good citizens
hope that he will show himself of
sturdy stuff. He can achieve great-
ness cheaply, if he will. One word
from him and Herreria will collapse
and then every one will wonder that
so weak and so wicked a thing could
have assumed so bold a front. In
such times as these, true courage and
greatness demonstrate their powers.
Will President Borda prove great
enough to see and to seize his op-
portunity? We are waiting for the
solution of this conundrum.»

Solis Theatre.

—The theatrical event of tonight
will be the debut of the Novelli
Company at the Solis Theatre. Sr.
Novelli is now recognised as one of
the greatest, if not the greatest, liv-
ing actors of the Italian stage, taking
the position formerly occupied by
Salvini and Rossi. His versatility is
as extraordinary as his great talent,
and it is difficult to say
whether he excels most in trag-
edy, pathos or broad comedy, for he is
master in every phase of the drama-
tic art. He is already a favorite in
Montevideo, having appeared here
some four or five years ago, but he
was then accompanied by an in-
different company which did not
give him adequate support. This
time he has a first-class com-
pany, rendering the *ensemble*
more complete. The programme
for this evening consists of the
comedy «Papa Lebonard», in which
he gives one of his finest impersona-
tions, one of his monologues in which
he rivals Coquelin, and a farce, in
which he also appears, accompanied
by the leading actress Sta. Olga Gi-
annini.

SUNDRIES.

—We regret to have to state that
Mrs. Reid has fallen victim to a se-
vere attack of influenza with com-
plications, and consequently will
not be able to take part in next
Wednesday's Amateur Dramatic
Performance. However, to prevent a
postponement, Miss Nuttall has very
kindly undertaken the part of Mrs.
Featherstone in «Snowballs» and
Miss Davis that of *Ethel Granger*,
thus enabling the performance to
come off. It is very enterprising of
these ladies to undertake these parts
at such short notice, and we hope
the audience will treat them grate-
fully.

—We remind our readers that the
sale of tickets to the general public

for next Wednesday's performance
will commence to-day, at the Botica
Inglesa and at the English Club.

—Buenos Aires has its newest
tragedy in the shape of a double
suicide of a man and his mistress in
the Hotel Bristol. They blew out
their brains because they were
unable to continue their amour.
The man, named Emilio Latourette,
of a respectable family, had married
another only a month ago! This
«hero» was only 25, and his guilty
companion a girl of 18.

—The Emperor William is now the
titular commander of no fewer than
seventeen regiments, of which eleven
are German, two Austro-Hungarian,
two Russian, one English, and one
Portuguese. His Majesty is also Hon-
orary Admiral of the British, Dan-
ish, Swedish, and Norwegian fleets.
He does not wear all the uniforms
at once, but he does his best to put
on as many of them as he can in the
course of a year. If a revolution
should occur in Germany and he
should be deposed, he could earn a
fortune in the music-halls as a «quick
change artist», whilst the extent and
variety of his wardrobe is hardly less
than that of Patti or Bernhardt. He
might prove even a greater success
in this line than he has in the rôle of
monarch.

—Public writers, says the «B. A.
Standard», should be careful. A nicely
dressed man was found in a fit near
his own house in the suburbs yester-
day, foaming at the mouth, and
yelling as if possessed by demons; he
bounced up and down on the pave-
ment and kicked at all who approach-
ed him. In his right hand he
held tightly clutched a copy of the
«Courier Français». A couple of buckets
of water thrown on him soon brought
him round, and he was assisted into
his house, where he opened the «C.F.»
and, pointing to P. G.'s article on Sar-
mento, said with a shudder, «That
did it.» The article in question is a
column long, yet contains only one
sentence, a literary acrobatic feat
that nearly proved fatal to the poor
gentleman who tried to read it, and
who had only got half through it
when he fell insensible to the ground.

—Was the greatest show on earth
a failure after all? «A disastrous
failure» is what Lord Armstrong
called it in a speech he has just de-
livered at Rothbury, near Newcastle-
on-Tyne, in opening a small local ex-
hibition. In his view, the Chicago
Exhibition failed on account of its
very size. International exhibitions,
he declared, have been getting
bigger and bigger, and more and
more costly, while at the same time
they have diminished in profit and
in general beneficial effects. Great
centralised exhibitions being thus
discredited, it is time he thinks to
consider whether small ones will
have a better effect. Whatever may
be thought of Lord Armstrong's
views on international exhibitions,
no one can doubt that he is right in
saying that much good is done by
small local exhibitions in encourag-
ing amateurs in arts and crafts.

—The threatened storm gave se-
veral premonitory hints of its ap-
proach yesterday, though up to the
time of writing it had not appeared
in full force.

—It has been whispered that the
proprietors of the recently raided
gambling den, the Club Franco-
Oriental, are a well-known General
and a prominent journalist. Now
everybody wants to know their
names, but those are still reserved.

—There have been more severe
storms in Spain, principally on the
south east district and the province
of Alicante. Amongst others, the
city of Javea was completely ruined
by a cyclonic burst. The damage to
life, property and crops has been
considerable. —The Carlists are
creating serious disorders in Villa-
franca.

—Latest telegrams from Morocco
are to the effect that there is con-
siderable internal disorder, but no
actual revolution against the new
Sultan, whose health seems to be
unsettled.

—A Buenos Aires telegram
confirms our conjectures as to the
causes of the great Duggan failure,
namely that it was mainly brought
about by participation in the Casey
speculations in Montevideo, such
as the National Bank, National
Company and the Banco General.
The greater part of his debts are
draughts on account of these. Mr.
Casey's memorable «open letters» of
five years ago would furnish interest-
ing reading by the side of a state-
ment of Mr. Duggan's failure.

has been one of the chronic collisions between Mussulmen and Hinders in Bombay and the troops had to be called out to restore order.—At the half yearly meeting of the Bank of England a dividend of 24 was declared.—Professor Fronde, the historian, is seriously ill. He is 76 years old.—The first cargo of live cattle from Australia has arrived at Gravesend in capital condition.

CHINESE AND JAPANESE.

MR. DOUGLAS SLADE, IN THE "ST. JAMES'S GAZETTE."

The Japanese, though inferior in physical strength, are much more courageous than the Chinese, both in defying the perils of the sea and in defying cold steel. Slashing their enemies to pieces with their long sword, or themselves to pieces with their short sword if the day went against them by the cheerful process known as *harakiri*, had been the tradition of Japanese soldiers from time immemorial to the day when they took up bayonet and Gatling. Their soldiers were all *samurai*, or gentlemen, whose only occupations were fighting and writing poetry. Reading the history of Japan is like reading the "Morte d'Arthur." Only the Japanese knight introduced into real life the Quixotic theories of chivalry; and when he could no longer live with grace promptly killed himself, regardless of the disabilities it inflicted on his family, which were probably established to prevent suicide becoming too universal. Such a people, however, rests under a disadvantage when pitted against a practical nation like China. Its national pride would forbid its employing the red-haired barbarian who can "account for" so many Asiatics; while the Chinese might gleefully send a telegram to a Chinese head-centre in Singapore or Australia, where there are hundreds of white dare-devils willing to go to the devil in any mortal way if they are well enough paid. And there would be no difficulty about the money or brains for their transport, where Chinamen were concerned. Chinese capital and capacity are omnipresent.

As an instance of the power of the Chinaman I remember the manager of the leading hotel in Hong Kong telling me that he dared not dismiss a servant or hire one without consulting his *compradore*. The *compradore* or Chinese go-between the European employer and his servants, has practically a veto in almost every concern in the East. On the other hand, there are sureties for his own honesty, and he protects his employer with rare courage and fidelity from the duplicity of other Orientals, while a European could not hope to combat unaided. Every European banker and merchant in Japan has his Chinese *shirogi* or *compradore*, and they talk excellent Japanese. But the Chinese sailors trading to Japan hardly ever know a word of Japanese, and carry on their conversation with the natives in pidgin (business) English. It is very funny to see a pig-tailed Chinaman using the language of Shakespeare as his medium of conversation with a kimono'd Yokohama shopkeeper; though it is certainly still funnier to see a Chinaman of Swatow talking pidgin English to a Chinaman of Canton because they cannot understand each other in Chinese.

There are only two points on which the Japanese and Chinese agree—their hatred of foreigners and their contempt for Christianity. And even in these pleasing particulars they have their differences. For the Japanese hates the Englishman more than any other foreigner; and the Chinaman likes him better: the reason being that the Chinaman has a great respect for a man who says what he means and loves sport, being himself the greatest gambler in the universe, and of spotless integrity in mercantile transactions. On the other hand, of all nations, the English are the most impatient of Japanese arrogance, and have to bear the responsibility of blocking treaty-revision until the Japanese courts afford a genuine security for the persons and business transactions of foreigners; the Germans and Americans having temporised by saying that they will consent whenever the English do.

As to religion, the Japanese assume an air of amused tolerance, and try Christianity in a light hearted sort of way. A Japanese will try anything until something more interesting comes along. I have heard of a Japanese of position, who had been in America, saying that he would become a Christian as soon as they pooled the various sects. The great difficulty in Christianising the Japanese is their volatility. The Chinese, on the other hand, though they have no much idea of nationality, are most conservative to their customs. They, as a rule, present a stern barrier from Christianity, and will have none of it. The chief bribe the missionaries can offer to either is learning English. The coveted post of hotel-waiter or station-master, and a hundred other easy and honourable employments, are open to the native who can talk English—especially in Japan, where names of stations, railway tickets, postage-stamps, and everything else in the nature of a public notice are printed in English as well as Japanese. The youthful Jap or Pig-tail therefore attends the missionary school till he knows enough English to become a waiter. There is a capital rebustant told in Shanghai of a missionary's most promising convert suddenly forsaking him. The missionary met him and asked him why he did not come any more. "Me save enough English now; me no care about Amelikan man Jesus Ki-lit-see." Nothing will convince the practical-minded Chinese that the founder of Christianity was not an American. They are sure that the Americans would not

take so much trouble about it if He were not.

KISSING AS A SANITARY SIN.

Johannes Secundus, in his "Basia," might be thought to have dealt with kissing from every conceivable point of view; but he lived in prehygienic days, before the fear of the ubiquitous bacillus had eclipsed the gaiety of nations. Preachers of asceticism used to condemn kissing on the ground of its danger to the soul, but to the "average sensual man" the added spice of sin probably made it all the more delightful. Now the apostle of sanitary perfection is denouncing kissing for its danger to the body. The Japanese, he tells us, are a hygienically minded people and they never kiss. The Sanitary Committee of the Orange (New Jersey) Board of Health has recommended that a circular be sent out to all whom it may concern urging everyone to desist as much as possible from kissing, as the touching of lips is likely to convey contagion. That foul and deadly disease may be, and often is, propagated in this way is of course a fact as to which there can be no sort of doubt. Many a mother has, like the Princess Alice, caught infection from the lips of her child dying or dead of diphtheria. There is every reason to believe that the seeds of tuberculosis may be implanted by kissing, and the too common beslobbering of children by friends of the family and by effusive strangers cannot be too strongly condemned on hygienic grounds. It cannot, therefore, be denied that kissing is dangerous; but will "Sanitary Committees" be able to put it down, as a too sanguine magistrate once undertook to "put down" suicide? Will love-making be conducted on anti-septic principles? "Kissing goes by favour," we are told; is it for the future to be by favour of the County Council? Great, no doubt, is Hygieia; but we will back human nature with some confidence against her.—*British Medical Journal*.

OUR ARMY IN INDIA.

Sir George White, the Commander-in-Chief in India, was so struck by the alleged effects of intemperance as the main cause of crime and disease in that army that he tested the returns for himself. The result is truly surprising. Of 1,450 soldiers tried at district courts-martial only thirty-four were abstainers. Of 1,150 soldiers tried by regimental courts-martial only thirty-nine were abstainers. The number of abstainers in the British Army in India has rapidly advanced from 13,487 in 1890 to 22,869 in 1894. Yet of the total of 2,608 courts-martial last year only seventy-three have been held for the trial of members of the Army Temperance Association. "My experience tells me," says the Commander-in-Chief, "that nearly all the crime in the British Army in India is directly or indirectly traceable to drinking to excess." Scarcely less remarkable are the effects of temperance upon the health of the British soldier in India. In twenty-two different corps impartially selected as representative of the English, Scotch, and Irish regiments, the admissions into hospital were 51.2 per cent. among abstainers and 10 per cent. among non-abstainers.

THE FUTURE OF OUR LEGS.

Dr. Emil Yung, professor of physiology at the University of Geneva, is in great distress concerning the future of our legs. He suggests, in an essay in the *Semaine Littéraire*, that in course of a thousand years the human race may have lost the necessity of the use of legs, and retain those members of the body solely as ornamental survivals. Men refuse more and more to walk, though walking is the wholesomest of physical exercises. Steam, electricity, the rope railways, tricycles, and bicycles have changed the whole aspect of Swiss touring, as he says, in his own generation. "Everybody seems anxious to get everywhere any way except by the use of his legs." In another generation, he supposes, our travelling balloons will hang outside our windows, or our electrical coaches stand outside our doors. They will be produced so cheaply that every man will have his own chariot. Hence our legs will become superfluous, then they will be crippled, and shrink to hideously small dimensions, until at last they will finally disappear. Our arms, on the contrary, will correspondingly strengthen and lengthen. "While our legs remain," says Dr. Yung, "let us march all we can."

A PAPAL BLESSING.

A correspondent writes to the *Protestant Observer* from Marseilles as follows: "We should scarcely be able to believe the following if we had not seen it reported in the *Correspondence de Rome*, in the *Témoinage*, and in *L'Italia Evangelica*. The Pope blessed some umbrellas carried by the Spanish pilgrims. After the umbrellas they brought a goat, and a Bishop requested the 'Holy Father' to bless it, because its milk would be given to children who were ill. Then a large bull dog was presented. 'This is too much,' said the Pope, smiling. The reply was that with his blessing the flocks would be well guarded, and have nothing to fear from the wolves, and that it would not then go mad; so the bull-dog carried away the pontifical benediction; and there is no need to add that the pilgrims departed well satisfied with the Pope and his multiplied blessings."

A "RANDOLPH" STORY.

When Lord Randolph Churchill was last in America he visited the city of Philadelphia; and, while there, set about collecting statistics relating to the State prisons of Pennsylvania. He was referred to the head of the State Prison Board, a gentle-

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"You've got the name wrong," said one of these merry jesters. "It's not Cadwallader Biddle, but Biddle-ladder Waddle."

"Don't mind what he says, Lord Randolph," exclaimed another, "the real name is Waddillader Caddle."

A third member took the ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer aside, and imparted to him in confidence that he was being gulled on all sides.

"What then is the actual name of the Prisons Board chief?" anxiously asked noble lord.

"The actual name," confided his false friend, "is Widdollader Biddle." And when Lord Randolph drove to the Prisons Board that evening he was so upset that he stammered, "Will you take this card into Mr. Biddle—cad—wid—wad—did—dollar—Whattishname?—I mean the Chief of the Board, but I forget his extraordinary nomenclatural combination."

Mr. Cadwallader Biddle himself, who has been recently staying in London, is the amused narrator of this story.

CLIPPINGS.

Signor Gravagni, a Milanese pianist, made a bet that he would play for twenty-five consecutive hours, with only an interval of half-an-hour for refreshment, and he won triumphantly, for he went straight on without even taking the stipulated period of rest. Starting at eleven at night, he kept on until midnight on the following day, playing works by Wagner, comic opera, ballet music, and grand opera. From time to time he was fed by a friend, who poured down his throat coffee, tea, and Marsala wine with beaten-up eggs. A jury of eight musicians took it in turns to watch the performance. So far from being exhausted at the end of these extraordinary proceedings, Signor Gravagni offered to make a further bet of 40l. that he would keep on for another six hours, but there were no takers.

Once more the prophecies of the Protectionists in France have been falsified by events. When the new tariff of 1892 was under discussion, the great majority of the members of the two French Houses were convinced that it would lead to a startling development of French manufactures. After two years' experience of the measure, the conclusions of the French Commission for valuing the goods in transit through the Customs House is decidedly opposed to this view. The Commission takes a gloomy view of French trade generally. Since 1891, the value of the exports of French-made boots and shoes, for instance, has diminished from 62 million francs to 30 million, and even gloves, which had hitherto been looked upon as a peculiarly French manufacture, and the sale of which had risen steadily up to 1891, show a falling off in the exports for the same period of 20 per cent., representing 12 million francs. Look where they will, the Commission can see no gleam of comfort, for they declare that French boots, owing to the crushing import duties on raw materials, are beginning to set up branch manufactories abroad.

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BUSINESS NOTES

—Gold opened in B. Aires yesterday at 324 and closed at 320.

—Exchange upon London was quoted in Rio yesterday at 10 1/4 to 1/2 to 3/8d. per milreis.

—The "Comercio" brought yesterday from F. Bentos \$2851 to London Bank, from Concordia \$1700 to Barreira, \$300 to Rodriguez Varsi.—The "Satellite" brought from Rio Janeiro 6283 milreis to H. Betham and 22,964 to F. Barros.

—380 bags wheat sold at \$2.075 per 110 kilos and \$2 per fanega. 284 bags maize at \$1.65 and 1.60 per 104 kilos. 280 bags barley at \$1 per 100 kilos and 90 cents per 92 kilos.

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Gold, cash, 322.50.
Do. end of month, 321.50.
Fondos Públicos 1892, cash, 72.
Cédulas: 8 1/2, cash, 21.40.
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MARITIME

ARRIVALS AND SAILINGS.

Montevideo, Sept. 14, 1894.

—Str. Venus from B. Aires, 71 pass.
—Str. Comercio from Salto, 3 pass.
—Str. Handel from B. Aires.
—Str. Strasburg from Bremen.
—Str. Thames from Southampton, 14 pass, for B. Aires.
—Str. Equateur from Bordeaux, 26 pass, for B. Aires.
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OTHER DATES

—The str. ORIONE will leave Sept. 16 for Rio Janeiro and Genoa. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 10 a. m. maritime branch 11 a. m.
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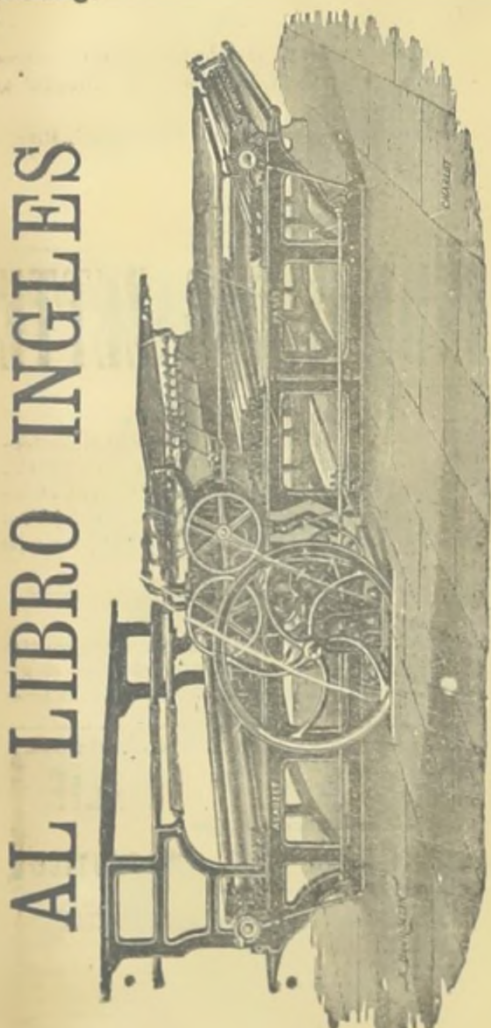
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"Thanks, dear," responded the girl with the yellow tea-gown. "It is a melancholy pleasure to know that you thought enough of me to come and tell me, but it really makes no difference—that is all over for ever."

"You don't say so!" cried the girl with the Leghorn hat. "Why, I thought—"

"Of course you did—so did everybody else. Why, people had got into the habit of glancing at the engagement finger every time I took off my glove to see if the new ring was there yet, and Aunt Clara asked me the other day 'what kind of a wedding present a girl would like. And it was such a little thing that spoiled it, after all.'"

"Oh, do tell me all about it!" cried the girl with the Leghorn hat. "I'll promise never to tell a soul."

"Very well, then, I'll try; but first, please, hand me that fan and my smelling-bottle. Thanks. Well, you know Clarence has only one fault, and that is a serious one—he will write poetry."

"I know, but—"

"Oh yes! it was all very well when that sonnet 'To Her Eyes' came out. Of course, everybody knew it was intended for me, and it made all the girls wildly jealous. As for Flora, she actually tried to pretend that it was written for her. Did you ever hear of such impudence? The idea of imagining that any one could call those cat-grey eyes of hers blue. I hate vanity."

"So do I—but do go on."

"Well you know he once published a volume of poems. I praised the sonnet so much that he finally brought me a copy of the poems, saying that I must give him my real opinion of them, and he would prize that above the praise of all the hollow world."

"Of course, any one could see—"

"Yes. Well, the book was bound in a lovely soft olive, so I laid it on the little table in the back parlour beside a yellow jar, and the effect was quite artistic. That very day Lulu came in, and an idea struck me. You know how she goes in for literature."

"All plain girls do."

"Yes. Well, I knew there would be a great deal going on in the next few days, and I didn't want to take the time to read the book myself, so I just asked Lulu all about it. She was glad of a chance to show off, and told me which were considered the best pieces and all about them, so that I knew just what to say to him."

"What a splendid idea!"

"Wasn't it? But wait! He came in the next afternoon, and I wore my white crape gown—the one in which he says I look like some antique priestess."

"Yes, yes. Go on."

"Well I told him that I had read all the poems before I slept the night before; that I thought his sonnet 'To a Grave' was the tenderest thing that I had ever read. Oh, he was so pleased!"

"Of course."

"Yes, if I had only stopped there? But I didn't. I said 'I am not quite sure that I understand 'In Sunset Land,' although I enjoyed it more, if possible, than the others. Won't you read it to me?' You see, Lulu had told me it was the deepest one."

"Yes, yes; don't stop."

"Well, he took up the book and looked at it a little odd, I thought, then he said, 'You must be a kind of clairvoyant if you enjoyed reading this.' Of course I thought he meant I had divined his favourite, so I said modestly, 'Oh, I take such an interest in all your work! Why, I have read it until I almost know it by heart.'"

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