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NEWS OF THE DAY

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Fourth Sunday in Lent.—*Saints Braxilius and Euphemius.*—Autumn. Henry Ibsen born, 1828.—79 days past, 256 to the end of the year.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The Council of State held a short sitting on Friday. Dr. E. Acevedo (editor of the *Siglo*) notified that he resigned his salary as member of the Council, in favor of the State. Sr. Blengio Rocca presented a Bill modifying the Civil Code as regards cession of lands and properties. A large batch of petitions, mostly relating to pension applications, were referred to the corresponding Committees. Nothing further of public interest was done.

The important news of the day is the collapse, at all events for the present, of the negotiations for an electoral accord. The Delegates of the three parties met on Friday, and after a lengthy but fruitless discussion, drew up for publication a Minute of which the following is the substance:—The "colorado" delegates repeated the original proposition that the electoral accord should be realised on the base of the proportional representation of the three parties already accepted in the Council of State. The "blanco" delegates insisted that their party should have 35 seats, according to the spirit of the compact of September, having accepted the composition of the Council of State temporarily and solely for the effect of the reorganisation of the country. Out of these they were willing to reserve three seats for the "constitucionalists" in the hope that the "colorados" would do the same. The "colorados," however, would not agree that this was the representation of the minority, according to the system of the "incomplete vote," and proposed the same proportion accepted in the Council of State, as the constitutional reorganisation of the country was not yet complete. The "constitucionalist" delegates proposed various methods of reconciliation, waiving the representation offered to their party. Discussion being exhausted without result, the conference was closed, wishes being expressed that other citizens may be able to arrange the electoral accord, to the good of the country and of its prompt constitutional reorganisation.

The fatal question, therefore, has been the proportional allotment of seats. The collapse of negotiations, though not entirely unforeseen, has produced a painful impression in all quarters, though it is only fair to say that the case is not yet regarded as hopeless. The collapse gave rise to numerous and rather alarming rumors of political crisis and changes, but the *Dia*, which is generally well-informed, asserts that none of these need be credited, and that they may easily be traced to a malicious source. For that reason we do not take the trouble to repeat them. The only report verified so far is the resignation of Dr. J. M. Castellanos as member of the Council of State, the reason for which is said to be dissatisfaction with the political course adopted by Sr. Cuastias.

The collapse—or rupture—seems to have taken our contemporaries rather by surprise, at all events they refrain for the present from

decisive comment. The effect on the market has been distinctly unfavourable. It is generally thought, however, that a way will yet be found out of the difficulty.

Sres. Manuel Fernandez y Fernandez and Co have presented to the Government a proposition for building a short suburban railway, starting from the Boulevard General Artigas (Tres Cruces) following the south coast to the Chacarita, and then by Carrasco to the bar of the Pando stream. They ask no guarantee, and offer to cede 40 hectares of land at Chacarita for a public cemetery. They also offer to carry and burn the rubbish (*basura*) of the city during the term of the concession, which is to be for 30 years, after which the railway and plant would revert to the State. At present, it will be remembered, the Municipality are paying \$1500 the month to Americo Alvarez and Co., for carrying and burning the *basura* at the Bucoo, having given a concession to that effect for 10 years. What exact benefit the concessionaires hope to reap to themselves from such a railway, is not yet explained. The proposal has been referred to the Department of Engineers for technical report.

It is stated that Dr. Zorrilla de San Martin has been withdrawn from his post as Minister to France, Spain and Portugal. This is probably in pursuance of the intention of the Government to reduce the number of legations in Europe. With regard to the case of Dr. Alberto Inza, the *Nacion* publishes a letter of his dated Dec. 31st, in which he distinctly presents his resignation of his post as Minister to Great Britain. This should finish the controversy.

The Maritime Collision.

Respecting the collision between the steamers Kingswood and Coatham, we have now seen the declaration of the Captain of the former, Mr. A. Raas tad. He attributes the collision to a false manoeuvre on part of the Coatham, and claims indemnity for the serious damages to his own vessel. It will be thus seen that each vessel blames the other. We understand that no attempt will be made at salvage of the Coatham, which is sunk in water 22 metres deep. The port authorities have published a declaration to the effect that the wreck constitutes no danger to navigation. Soundings to find the hulk have given no result.

Regarding the other collisions we quote the following note from a Buenos Aires contemporary of Friday:—The firm of Mihanovich received advices yesterday that as the steamer Delta was crossing Martin Garcia, towing the lighter Danubio, the Brazilian steamer Diamantino was met in danger of sinking, having collided with the steamer Nettie on her way from Rosario to this port. The Delta went alongside the Diamantino and with great rapidity transferred 57 passengers who were on their way from Combarua, the lighter Danubio was also got alongside the steamer with the object of transferring part of her cargo and other effects to hand. Mr. Mihanovich as soon as the news was brought dispatched the steamers Lafayette and Leon to the Diamantino's assistance.

The same firm received a telegram that the steamer Czar, bound for Santa Fe towing the lighters Lucifer and Andria collided with the steamer Ladario off San Nicolas which was on her way from Asuncion to this port. The Czar was badly damaged and her captain was obliged to run her ashore to keep her from sinking. The Ladario was also badly damaged.

According to later information, the Diamantino is only injured in the machinery; her cargo is safe, and the passengers come forward in the Olympo. The Ladario is only slightly injured and will be here tomorrow. Both vessels will be sent to the Cibils Dock for repairs.

The Wanklyn Murder Case.

The Judge of Crime in the Wanklyn murder case having ordered a committee of doctors to examine condition of the mental faculties of the alleged murderer Eichegaray, on Wednesday morning, in the Palermo Penitentiary, eight doctors made the examination, in presence of the Criminal Judge, Dr. Veyga, and his Secretary, Sr. Torres Carrega. Dr. Gouchon, the lawyer of the prisoner, was present, and also Dr. Garcia Morou, the lawyer for the prosecution.

The Committee of Medical men was composed of Doctors Ramos Mejia, Podesta, Solari, Cabred, Ayarragaray, Lagarde, A. Carrera, and Hernandez.

The murderer of Mr. Wanklyn, whom his defender alleges to be demented was subjected to a two hours' examination by the doctors who asked him all sorts of questions. They could not get much

out of him, for he is now taken with a fit of religious mania and seems to like to read all sorts of books on the subject, which are supposed to lend some colour to his mental condition.

When the doctors asked why he had murdered Mr. Wanklyn he said that he had received a special mission from God, who armed his hand in revenge for the ruin into which his family had been thrown. He said that in killing Mr. Wanklyn he only fulfilled his divine mission; he said that he had a Protector, that protector was San Francisco, and San Francisco was present in the person of Dr. Gouchon his defender, and would save him from the clamourings of those who were crying out for his execution.

One of the doctors, evidently impressed by the prisoner's sublime power, asked him to perform a miracle. Eichegaray said he would perform a miracle right enough if they would give him some strychnine!

The doctors will not make their report on the condition of the man for thirty days and it is said that there will be no less than six different views of the case. People accustomed to English law and the feigning of madness of prisoners have only one view of the case and can make up their minds in two minutes. Comment is unnecessary. —*Times of Argentina.*

Deaths in Rio Janeiro.

(Rio News, March 8.)

—In recording the death of Miss Ellen Thompson, one of the nursing staff at the Strangers' Hospital, on the morning of the 4th inst., we can but faintly express the surprise and profound regret which it has caused in our small community. On Monday, the 28th ult., beyond a slight feeling of fatigue, she was well and was on duty. The next morning she felt ill, but thought it nothing more than an attack of influenza. She was at once placed under the physician's care, who lost no time in beginning the usual treatment for yellow fever. On Wednesday the disease proved to be yellow fever of a serious type and anuria immediately followed. The best medical talent was called in but without avail, her death occurring Friday morning. She was buried the same evening in Gambôa cemetery, the burial being attended by a large number of friends.

It is with regret that we note the death in the Santa Casa da Misericordia, Sunday last, of Mr. Charles W. McCarty. The latter came here from the United States about six weeks ago and on the 28th ult. was removed to the hospital suffering from intermittent fever which caused his death. He was 28 years of age, born in Pittsburgh, Pa., where his father, a well known physician, and family now reside. The interment took place in the San Francisco Xavier cemetery.

On Thursday evening last, Mr. James Smith, commercial traveller for Chisholm & Law, of Glasgow, died at the Strangers' Hospital of yellow fever. Mr. Smith has been a periodical visitor to Rio for some years and had many warm personal friends among business men. He was buried at Gambôa on the 4th inst.

Among recent deaths from yellow fever we regret to note that of M. Leon Courty, chancellor of the French consulate in this capital. He had been recently appointed consul at Para.

River Plate Wool in Bradford.

An anonymous friend in Bradford kindly sends us the *Bradford Daily Argus* of Feb. 15, from which we clip the following interesting paragraph.

The first batch of the River Plate wool recently brought to Bradford, was offered for sale by public auction by the Bradford Wool Co., Ltd., at the Mechanics' Institute, this afternoon, without reserve. Some 6000 bales of wool, chiefly crossbred, and specially selected by the Company for the requirements of the Bradford market, had been stored in the spacious new warehouse of the Midland Railway Company at Bradford, and this morning were on view for prospective purchasers. The wool was found to be in good condition, and with but little burr To-day's lots embraced 945 bales, ranging from four to ten bales in each lot, and numbering 119 lots in all.

The attendance of buyers was exceedingly gratifying, the large hall being filled with Bradford and district wool merchants, all the principal houses having representatives. Owing to the similarity of the class of wool prices did not vary much and 'last buyer' held the advantage. Mr. Best (Best and Harris) was the auctioneer, and remarked at the outset his satisfaction at so large an attendance. He trusted the sales would continue to be well supported for that they would be continued. The Midland Railway Company would, he announced, deliver the wool to

the purchaser free of charge. The first lot was knocked down at 7d. The prices throughout varied from 6 1/2 to 7 1/2d. All the lots were disposed of in twenty-five minutes.

Passengers.

Arrived by P. S. N. Co's 'Liguria,' from Liverpool, etc., March 19.—Mr. A. Cooper. Sr. S. G. de Amaral, 19 third class. For Buenos Aires, 12 first class, 9 second, 67 third.

Left by R. M. S. 'Magdalena' for Southampton, etc., March 19.—Sr Pio Tortorola, 12 third class. The R. M. S. 'Nile' is expected on the 26th instant, bringing London dates to about March 5, and will sail homeward bound on April 2nd.

Expanding Bullets.

The Le Bel bullets used by the French, like the Mauser, and like the first Lee-Netford, consist of a soft lead core surrounded by a nickel casing. Theoretically this form of bullet flattens or splashes on impact, but in practice this is found not always to happen, and in the Central expedition the Lee-Netford bullets were found not to be effective in stopping 'ruses.' By the simple device, however, of cutting through the nose of the bullet, or of rubbing it against a stone, and thus exposing the soft lead core, the bullet was made to expand on impact, and thus to produce the desired effect by immediately incapacitating those who were wounded by it. The small amount of immediate effect produced by the Lee-Netford bullet has been proved experimentally. 'Three shots were fired, not by me,' says Mr. Davis, 'at an old donkey who was eating hay in a paddock. The bullet passed 'clean through' him, but he went on eating as though nothing unusual had happened, and it was not till, I suppose, the symptoms of rapidly advancing peritonitis ensued, that he desisted from his meal.' To meet this difficulty the latest Lee-Netford has a nose of soft metal projecting beyond the nickel jacket. When the soft metal comes in contact with any obstruction it 'mushrooms' out, the less yielding metal behind becomes impacted, and the ball opens into a disk, causing a very cruel wound. These modern projectiles are spoken of as 'expanding' bullets. The celebrated 'Dum-Dum' bullets are the latest form and derive their name from the government manufactory in India where they are made. They resemble a slate pencil and are a modification of the latest Lee-Netford, but the nickel shield is thinner and the soft nose is flat, and does not project so far beyond the nickel envelope. On impact this bullet collapses like a concertina, and inflicts a ghastly wound. The extreme example of the expanding principle is to be seen in the 'Webley's patent man-stopping bullet' which is cupped at each end. On entering the body the front acts like a wadding punch, cutting a clean circular hole which does not close up like those caused by other bullets. Expansion commences at once, the bullet assumes a shape something like 'a lady's sun bonnet, or an antiquated top hat,' and after travelling six inches it produces a jagged hole four inches in diameter. In many of the cases met with by Mr. Davis in the Graeco-Turkish War it was impossible to tell by the appearance of the wounds which was the hole of entry and which of exit, the ball having passed straight through the part struck, leaving a tiny bluish back hole at each end.

The Submarine Boat 'Argonaut.'

The wonders of this 'Yankee notion' have been noised abroad for some time past. Of the many submarine boats designed, she is the one that has come most nearly to success. She is, be it observed, intended for the arts of peace alone; she is quite free from any thought of covertly disabling an enemy's fleet. Her aim in life is to convey divers to sunken wrecks, and to assist in any sort of salvage and subaqueous work. Mr. Simon Lake, of Baltimore, is her inventor. Her hull, 36 feet long by 9 feet in diameter, is built of plating laid over angle iron frames, measuring 3 inches by 3 1/2 inches by 1/2 inch, and is divided into four compartments—the engine and living-room, the air lock, the divers' room, and the lock-out compartment. The first of these is the largest, and contains a gasoline engine and dynamo to drive the propeller shaft. The engine is used when the boat is travelling at the surface, and the dynamo may be disconnected from it and used as a motor when she is submerged. There are two sets of storage batteries in lockers at the sides of the boat. Where the bottom is suitable the wheels will be used, being propelled by means of the forward motor. This living-room, which can accommodate six men, is provided with an air-compressor and storage tanks, to supply the divers as well as to renew the vitiated air. When

the boat is submerged to a moderate depth air is conveyed through the two pipe-like masts, which also locate her. At greater depths these are closed and a suction-hose is used, whilst at still greater depths the storage tanks, which can supply the crew for forty eight hours, will be relied upon. When a diver leaves the boat, he first of all enters the air lock, forward of the living-room. The air pressure is raised to that of the divers' room, which is maintained at the pressure of the water without; the pressure in the living room is, of course, about normal. He then passes through another door into the divers' room, which contains everything he needs for wrecking operations. When fully equipped, he opens a door in the floor and so goes forth to his work, the air-pressure of the compartment preventing the ingress of the water. The foremost compartment, with its powerful search-light, &c., is the pilot-house, whence the vessel is steered when submerged, instead of from the conning-tower used when on the surface. Trim and buoyancy are secured by a fixed keel for two-thirds of the vessel's length, and easily operated water tanks in the floor. Weighted anchors assist in keeping the boat stationary at the desired level. The intentions of the inventor were successfully realised in the Patapsco River on December 17. The *Argonaut* first made a short 'dive' to show how quickly it could be done, and then she spent nearly five hours below with twelve persons inside her. She traversed some two miles of the river's bed, and a diver left her through the floor-door. Since then she has run out eight miles of telephone wire in Baltimore Harbour and conversed with New York. She can be spoken with if '3041 Baltimore' is rung up.—*Shipping World.*

British Hospital.

Hospital Report for the month of February, 1898.—Patients remaining in the Hospital on Jan. 31st, 20.—Admitted during February, 25.—Outdoor patients 8.—Total 53.

Discharged during February 23; Died 0.—Remaining in Hospital on Feb. 28th, 22.—Total 45.

Thanks are extended to Mr. W. Baring, Com. Norcock of H. M. S. 'Flora,' Lieuts. Strickland and Bolton and Dr. Dowson of H.M.S. 'Basilisk,' Mr. Chaplin and Mr. Malcolm, for papers; Capt. Roop, ship 'Balkannah' for jam; Mr. Clark for fruit.

Holy Trinity Church.

March 20.—4th Sunday in Lent. 8.15 a. m.—Holy Communion. 9.45 a. m.—Sunday School. 11 a. m.—Matins Litany and sermon.—*Venite, 205.—Psalms, Benedictus, 2nd ant.—Benedictus, Garrett.—Hymns, 197, 199, 257.—Kyrie, Elston.*—8 p. m.—Evensong and sermon.—*Psalms.—Magnificat, 61 and 52.—Nunc Dimittis, 186.—Hymns, 201, 107, 24. Offerings.—Poor relief.*

Methodist Church.

Calle Treinta y Tres, No. 264 Morning Service 11 a. m. Sunday School 12.30 p. m. Choir Practice, Thursdays at 8 p. m.

Salvation Army.

Spanish meetings are held at Calle General, Liniers 200 every evening except Tuesday at 8 p. m. Sundays, at 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. Ensign Benioel.

SUNDRIES.

—Yesterday's telegrams on the Cuban question show no advance in the situation, and as usual are alternately bellicose and pacific in tone, leaving us in complete perplexity as to the real state of affairs. The formal transference of the 'Amazonas' from Brazil, represented by Captain Torres, to the United States, represented by Lieut. Colville, was effected at Gravesend on Friday, and she now floats the stars and stripes. The telegrams say the ceremony was a 'touching' one. At all events it was novel, if not quite unprecedented. Spain is alleged to have bought from Italy the 'Vareso,' for which Argentina was supposed to be negotiating. Orders have been given from Washington for the concentration of battle-ships and cruisers at Hampton Roads and of monitors at Port Royal. It is officially explained that this is for strategic purposes and has nothing to do with the demand of Spain for the withdrawal of the U. S. vessels from the Gulf of Mexico. An order for \$145,999 has been sent to Armstrongs to pay for the quick firing cannons recently delivered to the U. S. Commissioners. The U. S. Congress has decided to spend 17 million dollars in the purchase of armour-clads, torpedo boats and destroyers, six of each; also five millions in coast defence works, of which two millions will be devoted to increase of troops and placing of wide bore guns. A Havana telegram hints at an alliance between Spain and Austria-Hungary. We hesitate to believe it as the two nations have hardly a single interest in common. The fantastic letter ascribed by the *New York Journal* to General

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Weyler is repudiated, as we expected it would be. There is a financial and commercial panic in Havana, and the insular Government has asked the local papers to moderate their tone, which has been very violent towards the United States. This is about all that is worth repeating. The Birmingham Gazette gives the startling news of the arrest of a Russian spy who had introduced himself into Lord Salisbury's residence at Hatfield disguised as a servant. What did he expect to discover there? A note from Mr. F. Henderson the Manager of the Central Uruguay Railway, conveys the news, which will doubtless be welcome to many, that a general reduction of fares for all stations on the line will be made during the forthcoming Easter holidays, particulars of which will be published in a few days. According to the Almanack, this is the first day of Autumn. During the past week or ten days the weather has been decidedly autumnal, though yesterday it seemed like returning to summer heat. However, we can forgive the Clerk of the Weather almost any vagaries except wet Sundays.

The athletic fixture for to day is the opening of the Autumn Lawn Tennis Tournament at the Blanquada field, which, however, will lose some of its usual interest from the absence of lady competitors. The repairs and renovation of the organ of Holy Trinity Church, which have been proceeding for some time past under the direction of Mr. Wainwright of Buenos Aires, are now concluded, and today the congregation will hear the instrument in all its renewed power. Competent judges who have already tried it, express the highest satisfaction with the manner in which Mr. Wainwright has accomplished his task, and say that the organ is greatly improved in power and tone. It is gratifying to remember that the work has been done by an Englishman.

A Dublin telegram announces the death of the Rt. Hon. John Thomas Ball, who was Lord Chancellor of Ireland from 1875 to 1880, and since Vice-Chancellor of Dublin University. He was 83 years of age, and had had a distinguished parliamentary and legal career.

A serious financial crisis is reported from the black Republic of Haiti. Amongst the passengers leaving for Europe yesterday, were Mr. and Madame Hepp (of the French Legation,) the Swiss Minister Mr. Rodé and his family, and Sr. A. Herosa, Charge d'Affaires of the Uruguayan Legation in France.

The marriage will take place early in June of Sr. José Serrato to Miss Josefina Parey, one of the belles of Montevidean society. We are requested to state that Communion Service will be held at the Methodist Church this morning, the Rev. Dr. Drees officiating, and the annual offerings for Missions and the Bible Society will be received. There will be no Evening Service.

Dr. Julio Herrera has left the Royal Hotel in Buenos Aires—no doubt to the proprietor's joy, for neither he nor his associates were desirable customers, apart from their awkward habit of thinking that they were exempt from the payment of accounts—and found refuge in a modest boarding house. We wonder what will be his next step downwards.

Referring to the loss of the «Maine» a London contemporary makes the following interesting remarks.—It has been well argued that the gallant sailors of Spain would be incapable of an act of treachery in such circumstances, and that private malice would have been without the means of destroying a ship of this size from the outside. Torpedoes are not on sale, like cherries, in Havana, or anywhere else, nor are they to be made by any but experts working with a large and costly plant. The theories as to the possible cause of the accident are innumerable, but at present they offer little more than a distracting variety of choice. They only serve to show in how many ways a ship may be destroyed by the terrible forces, of one kind or other, that form part of its equipment. The wonder is, on reading this recital, that any ship of war dies a natural death. It must be only less terrible to itself than to the enemy. It may perish by its own gun-cotton, its powder, smokeless or other, its cordite, the spontaneous com-

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bustion of its coal. Its very point is highly inflammable. Should these fail, a short circuit in its electrical apparatus will amply suffice. The captain of the Maine argues that a defective dynamo may have been the cause of all the mischief. Professor Sylvanus Thompson has his suspicions of a new kind of cordite lately adopted in the United States Navy. The fear is that, in going down, the Maine may have carried her secret with her. On this point however, Mr. Maxim makes a highly practical suggestion. She will be examined by divers. If the iron of the hull is bent inwards, then the damage came from without; if it is bent outwards, then the explosion occurred inside.

—Mr. James O. Le Bas a well known Rosario resident and hitherto Uruguayan Vice-Consul in that city, now occupies the post of Consul, which used to be filled by Sr. Zavalla.

—Here's an item of camp news. —We have heard that Dr Young has sold one of his handsome two year old pedigree Hereford bulls to Messrs. Wilson Brothers for a client, and we are sure that from his blood and shape and substance he will turn out a good investment; one of the characteristics of our friend's stock being also their extreme docility.

COMMERCIAL

STOCK EXCHANGE.

Montevideo, March 19, 1898.

Though there was no lack of business, the market plainly showed the bad impression caused by the news of the collapse of the electoral accord, and other alarming political rumors. Prices opened with a marked drop from those of Friday, which themselves had shown a fall. However they fell no further during the day, the general tendency being one of recovery, and after various fluctuations they closed with a slight improvement. Sales as follows:—

Extraordinary 1997 Loan, \$62,000 at 65.90 to 65, closing 65.50 cash; end of month 66.50 to 66.20; end of April 67. Cedulas A, \$1000 at 45.90. Mortgage Certificates, \$10,000 at 46.90. Deferred Debt, \$1000 at 18.50. Mortgage Bank, 1090 shares at 18.40 to 18.70, closing 18.60 for Monday, 18.70 for end of month. Treasury Certificates, \$8380 Feb. at 84.50 to 83.50; \$3000 Jan. at 85.50 and 85; \$2000 Dec. at 86.20; \$1000 Nov. at 88; \$4000 Oct. at 90 to 89.10; \$7000 Sept. at 91.50 and 91; \$1000 July at 96. Consolidated Debt, \$682,840, opening low at 44.60 cash and end of month, 45.10 for end of April. From this it recovered to 45 and 45.50, closing 44.90 and 45.40 respectively. The London quotation has fallen to 45, possibly on account of some alarmist telegram.

Table with columns: Bank, Commercial, London, Paris, Antwerp, Germany, N. York, Italy, Spain, Brazil, B. Aires 1 prem.

Business Notes.

—The Custom House paid into the London Bank yesterday \$20038 on account of the Consolidated Debt and Railway guarantee service and \$2449 on account of the 5% Loan service. —Gold opened in B. Aires yesterday at 265.70 and closed at 265.80. —Exchange upon London was quoted in Rio Janeiro yesterday at 6 1/8 d. per milreis. Jerked beef 900 to 980 reis per kilo. Stock, 2,400,000 kilos. —London, 19. Wheat 84s 6d. Linseed 33s-9d. Maize 15s 6d —Antwerp. Wheat 19.50 francs, linseed 20.50, maize 8.375. Wool, class B, 4.325 for April, 4.20 for August. —The «Liguria» brought from Rio Janeiro 500,000 milreis to the British Bank.

Buenos Aires, March 19, 1898. Gold, cash, 265.80. Do. end of month, 267.10. Cables 8%, Provinciales, 18.90. Consolidada de Santa Fé, 1886, cash, 42.50. Banco Español, cash, 122. Canalizadora Riachuelo, cash, 6.50. Muelle Catalinas, cash, 6. Do. end of May, 6.80. The «Montevideo», «Venus» and «Comercio» sail.

MARITIME

ARRIVALS AND SAILINGS.

Montevideo, March 19, 1898. —Str. Eolo from B. Aires, 137 pass. —Str. Corsario from B. Aires. —Str. Savoia from B. Aires, for Genoa, 20 pass. —Str. Provenço from B. Aires, for Marseilles, 11 pass. —Str. Magdalena from La Plata, for Southampton, 12 pass. —Str. Haslingden from Rosario, for St. Vincent. —Str. Espagne from B. Aires, for Marseilles 15 pass. —Str. Osiris from Valparaiso, for Hamburg, 23 pass. —Str. Liguria from Liverpool, 25 pass., for Valparaiso. —Str. Cervantes from Guayaquil. —Str. Medoo from Bordeaux, for B. Aires. —Str. Penover from B. Aires, for Las Palmas. —Str. Canadian from La Plata. —Str. Heracles from B. Aires. —Str. San Telmo from Pernambuco. —Str. Shirley from B. Aires. —Str. Straits of Dover from B. Aires. —Str. Eolo from B. Aires. —Strs. Tridente and Paris for Salto.

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MAIL STEAMERS

LEAVING TO-DAY

None

OTHER DATES

—The str. VENUS will leave March 21 for Buenos Aires only. Correspondence at G.P.O. till 4.45 p.m. maritime branch 5.15 p.m. —The str. COMERCIO will leave March 21 for Colonia, B. Aires and Salto, and the MONTEVIDEO for B. Aires and Salto. Hours as above. Note.—In addition to the hours mentioned above, letters for all these steamers will be received, without extra charge, in the Aduana Kiosk until the P. O. agents leave to go on board the steamers.

Steamers to arrive.

Table with columns: MARCH NAME, FLAG, FROM. Includes Halle, Argentina, Garrick, Entre Rios, Austrin, Washington, Medoc, Sakkarah, M. Brazzo, Orellana, Normandy, Nite, Les Andes, Lucerne, San Nicolas, Victoria, Ramess, Sicilia.

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CHAPTER III.

Steadily, wearily the fever ran its course. For days Valerie hovered on the brink of the great gulf, while father and mother watched and prayed unceasingly, and Lancelot remained near, always ready to take the burning band in his, and still that piteous moan which came from the parched lips from time to time: 'Lancelot! Lancelot!'

Leslie Damer came to Treven Hold and up to the sick-room once or twice, but Lancelot purposely avoided her. It was better so, he argued. Since it was uncertain upon what footing they were to meet in the future, it was better that nothing more should pass between them now.

But a day came when the fever flush was gone; the ceaseless moan was heard no more, and the slight form lay so still and quiet that for a time they all thought Valerie had left them. But no. Very slowly, very gradually, she passed out of the stupor and exhaustion that succeeded the long delirium, and Dr. Beckford nodded his wise head in satisfaction.

'She'll do now—with care. I've done my part, now's the time to try that prescription.' He spoke to Sir Antony, but he looked at Lancelot, and there was no mistaking the significance of his words. Dr. Beckford held to his opinion still, and sooner or later, in accordance with the promise he had given to Sir Antony, Lancelot must put his fate to the test.

The opportunity came soon enough. One afternoon Valerie lay on her couch by the open window; the world without was bright and sunshiny, the birds fluttered gaily from tree to tree, and chirped their content from the leafy branches; from the garden below came the drowsy hum of the bees; the exquisite perfume of the roses; but Valerie was not thinking of the beauty of the outer world. She was watching Lancelot as he sat writing at a small table close at hand—watching him with earnest, adoring eyes which yet had in them a look of sadness.

Presently he glanced up, and saw her watching him. 'Tired of reading?' he asked cheerily.

'Yes, tired of books altogether. One story is so very much like another. The lovers always marry, and live happily ever after.'

A queer look passed over Lancelot's face. 'In books—yes,' he responded quietly. 'In real life things are often different.'

'Very different,' assented Valerie, with a wistful little sigh, as she turned to watch a yellow butterfly which had flown into the room and out to the sunshine again.

Lancelot sealed up his letter, placed them in an orderly little heap on the table, and came over to Valerie's couch.

'Valerie, did you ever have a happy little love-dream of your own?'

The faintest tinge of pink stole into Valerie's pale cheeks. 'I think I had—once.'

'And it is all over now?'

'It will never be more than a dream, I think.'

'And it is here? Valerie, won't you confide in me, dear?'

The rosy flush grew deeper. 'What good can it do to speak of it?'

'Couldn't I help you to its fulfilment?'

'You? The blue eyes were raised wonderingly. 'No, no, you don't know what its fulfilment would mean. You don't know what you are saying.'

'I think I do,' he rejoined quietly. 'I have pondered over it a good deal lately. Valerie, that little love-dream—was I the hero of it?'

'Yes, Lancelo,' very shyly, very quietly, but with a little flattering sigh of thankfulness that Lancelot knew.

There was an awkward pause; then Lancelot came round from the head of the sofa, and stooping, touched the white transparent forehead with his trembling lips.

'Then, dear, surely I must be the one to help you to its fulfilment.'

Valerie's soft hands were clasped around his neck; she was clinging to him now with all the helplessness and confidence of a child.

'Lance, Lance, I didn't think you knew—I didn't mean that you should ever guess.'

'And live at Treven with father and mother for years, and years, and years. We four, Lance, how happy we shall be!'

'Aren't we happy now, dear?'

'Yes, but then you will be all my own. I shall know that nothing can ever part us. Sometimes now the dread steals over me that some one else may come and take you away from us. Lance, life without you wouldn't be worth living. I want you so much, dear; all the time we were abroad I wanted you, but I couldn't bear to let father or mother think that I was dissatisfied.'

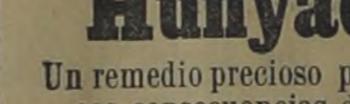
'So you kept your little secret to yourself, and got thin, and pale, and shadowy, and then finished up by frightening us all out of our wits with the fever,' said Lancelot banteringly.

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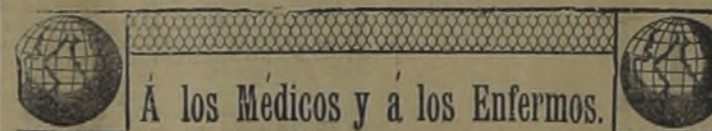
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