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NEWS OF THE DAY

MONTEVIDEO

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 1898. Saints Michael of the Saints and Zon.-Rt. Hon. Geell Rhodes born, 1853. -186 days past, 179 to the end of the

REVOLUTION ! Soon after daybreak yesterday morning, the city was aroused from its quiet by the sound of arrom its quiet by the sound of ar-tillery firing. At first it was thought it proceeded from some war ves sel saluting as she entered the bay or celebrating the 4th of July, but it was soon found that the fir-ing was in the city itself. When this was followed about 9 a. m. by by the issue of an effectal Pullet by the issue of an official Bullet declaring the Capital in a state of siege it was soon understood that something serious had hap-pened, and anxious crowds began to gather in the streets and plazas. The unpleasant news quickly circulated that the two Arullery Regiments, Light and Heavy, had declared themselves in revolt against the Provisional Government of Sr. Cuestas, and had brought their guns into the streets and commenced fighting. Even at this moment it is not clearly known what happened, so we are compelled to leave an accurate ac-Chief of the Staff) and Santos Arribio (chief of the Staff in the Herrera period.) The two first named had been signaled some time ago as conspiring in lavor of a He-rrerista restoration and Sr. Cuestas had been blamed for his weakness in not arresting them General Carambula is said to be associated with them, also Eugenio Garzon, Dr. Angel Brian and other notorious «collectivists» It is understood that all the Chas-seurs regiments have remain-ed faithful to the Government as also the various police forces. It is not yet possible to give any clear account of the fighting, about which the most conflict ing tales are current, but their seems no doubt it has been severe. The light Artillery, the barracks of which are in the Union, commenced the affair by coming into the city, attacking the Arsenal recently removed to Sr. Arteaga's edifice in the Camino 8 de Octubre (next door to Mr W. Meikle's quinta) After some resistance this was taken and occupied. About the same time the Heavy Artillery from the Plaza Artola commenced an attack on the still faithful Plantel de Artilleria in the neighboring Pavilion. This caused a regular battle of which Calles Colonia and 18 de Julio were the scene In this several soldiers were killed and wounded, but we cannot give the exact numbers. Several private persons were also wounded, and some of the houses, including that of Sr. Carlos Behrens, damaged by exploding shalls. (The employment of are tillery in the streets of a populous city without the least warning is a savage act that cannot be condemned too severely.) It was also re-ported that there was severe fighting outside the barracks of the 4th Chasseurs to which the

prompt in taking measures, and the Minister of War the Chief of the Stalt and Prefect Do-minguez all showed great activ-The loyal regiments came to the front immediately, and. cantons were speedily organised around the positions held by the rebels. Trenches and barricades were speedily raised in the Calles 18 de Julio and Co-lonia Large members of the National Guard speedily responded to the call made, and were served out with arms and munitions The usual precautions were taken in the streets and plazas. Sr. Cuestas remained in his house all day surrounded by his Ministers. A large number of officers and prominent men went to offer him their services We need offered their services to the Government, as also some others whose loyalty was not above suspicion. Red Cross assistance was or-ganised with extraordinary rapid-

ross flag, conveying bandages, stretchers and medical assistance, sallied from the Caridad Hospital and other centres, and temporary hospitals were established near the scene of the fighting. Among those who distinguished themselves in the organisation was the U. S. Vice-Consul Mr. T. W Howard In the course

ty. Before noon carts with the Red

victims, reports being entirely conflicting. About 1.30 an armistice was proclaimed and firing ceased. A conference was held later between Dr Juan Carlos Blenco on behalf of the Government and the rebel leaders (Same say Sr. Cuestas himself was present.) Of the result of this, we regret we cannot yet give account the reports that have reached us being entirely contra-dictory. At the moment of writing the situation was still regarded as most critical. Tomorrow we hope

and complete account. There is no confirmation of the rumors that there have also been risings in the interior of the Re-

STATE OF SIEGE.

The following Decree was issued yesterday morning.-Considering that the gravity of

the events occurred exacts the adop-

Art. I.—The Capital is hereby declared in State of Siege.

Art. 2.—The National Guard of the Department of the Capital is

hereby convoked Art. 3.—Hereby are authorised the citizens Mario B. Perez, José Battle y Ordoñez, Juan Campiste-gui and Pedro E. Carve to organise the battalions they respectively command, placing themselves un-der the orders of the Chief of the Staff. - Cuestas. G. Castro, E. MacEachen J. Varela, J. de Sal erain, J. R. Mendoza.

POLITICAL NOTES.

All political, and for the matter of that all other, movement yesterday was suspended on account of the revolutionary attempt, with which we deal apart.

The Report of the Budget Committee on the Budget for 1898 99 is at last ready, and should have been presented yesterday The Mu-nicipal Budget, which is separate, is also nearly ready. The economies in this are said to reach some \$20 000 The internal Budget of the Chambers for the forthcoming year has been reduced from \$144,000 to \$75,000, a reduction of almost one-half. The extravagance that was perpetrated in the internal management of the Chambers under the late regime was something indescribable, as may be guessed by the above wholesale reduction.

The Razon having revived an assertion published several weeks ago by Dr. C. de Castro to the effect that Sr. Cuestas was in receipt of a private subvention or pay from the Borda government of \$400 the month, in addition to be sealers as Sanator, the dition to his salary as Senator, the Nacion has challenged Dr. Castro to substantiate his reply. Dr. Castro has evaded the challenge saying Artillery laid siege, but we have not found this confirmed The lead- does not feel in possession of sufnot found this confirmed The lead-er of the Light Artillery in the revolt was the 2nd Chief Major the matter freely, but, nevertheless,

the outbreak of yesterday.) General Gregorio Castro the Minister of War is reported as now practically recovered and about to resume his official duties.

It is stated that the Government has given orders for the resump-tion of the military training of the police of the capital, suspended since February.

Football. Albion F. C. versus Lobos A. C. (Buenos Aires.)-This match was played at Punta Carretas on Saturday, and after a closely contested game resulted in a draw of 3 goals to 3 Accurate play was rather difficult on account of the slippery hardly say that the nouse is strong ly guarded. General Tajes, Flores was some wind blowing, but otherwise the weather was very favorable and agreeable. There was a large gathering of spectators, be-tween 4000 and 5000, including a great many ladies, all of whom fol-lowed the game with the liveliest interest, both teams being loudly cheered at the end. Play at first was rather slow, but became more animated in the second half. The first goal was made by Negron on behalf of the visitors, but Buchanan soon equalised. Towards the end of the first half Dickenson and Moore each scored for Lobos. In the se-T. W Howard. In the course of the afternoon a number of wounded were brought in to the Caridad Hospital, but the ma jority were attended to on the spot. We cannot pretend to give an idea of the number of victims remarks being anison. cond half the Albious pressed hard. their antagonists, and returned to Buenos Aires yesterday afternoon, well pleased with their treatment.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

A terrible tragic and criminal af

fair, rendered all the worse by the high social position of the principal actors, took place on Saturday

evening between 9 and 9 30 p. m., in the Molles Station on the Central Railway. The three principal actors were the Sres E. H. Piccardo, Carlos Reyles and Hector Nesi; Sr. Piccardo will be remembered as one of the few «independent» deputies of to be able to give a more coherent the Herrera Legislature and was held in general esteem. Sr. Carlos Reyles is a well known estanciero and stock and horse breeder, and was regarded as a man of con siderable wealth and importance. Both are men well over 40 years of age. Sr. Neri was a young man of about 28 or 30 years of age who already held the important and responsible posi count for a future occasion. The leaders of the movement are understood to be the Generals Constitution; the Provisional PreEstevan, Casimiro Garcia (late sident of the Republic accords and constitution; the Provisional Preunderstant and responsible position of manager to the principal important and responsible position of manager to the principal distribution of extraordinary measures as authorised by Art. 81 of the movement are as autho past there had been strong resent-ment between Sr. Piccardo and Sr. Reyles, originating in a dispute over the sale of a piece of land, and one had caused to be circulated some injurious publications concerning the other On Saturday evening Sr. Pic-cardo was seated in a small room with the Station master Sr. Moreira the former's peon, a colour-ed man named Piñeyro, being at the door. Sres. Reyles and Neri entered and some stormy recriminations ensued, which terminated in a general use of revolvers. How in a general use of revolvers. How it exactly began, no one seems to know, but it is said that Sr. Neri fired the first shot, wounding the peon Pineyro, who had entered on hearing high words. Sr. Piccardo then fired wounding Sr. Neri in the chest. After that the lamp, was overlunned ter that the lamp was overturned, either accidentally or on purpose, and firing continued in the dark. When assistance came, Sr. Piccardo was found lying dead, shot through the heart. The peon Pi neyro was badly wounded, a bullet having penetrated his lungs, and his recovery is con-sidered doubtful. Sr. Neri had left the room, staggered some little distance, and then dropped down and died, having been shot through both lungs. Sr Reyles was only slightly wounded, and was brought to the capital under arrest on Sunday, Sr. Piccardo's body was also brought in for the funeral, which ought to have taken place yesterday. The affair created a most painful impression and was the main topic of conversation in the city on Sunday, both Sr. Pic-cardo and Sr. Reyles being very well known. Owing to other circumstances we are compelled to

U. S. S. «Alabama»

leave comment for some future oc-

The first class American battleship Alabama, launched by Messrs Cramp at Philadelphia on the 18th

the latter was assassinated.) The heavy Artillery was lead by the 1st Chief Col. Manuel Rodriguez (reported killed or wounded) who appears to have been one of the chied conspirators.

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The Government was very prompt in taking measures, and the Minister of War the Chief of the Minister of War the Chief o and, granted that the Spaniards continue to act up to their eternal «to-morrow,» they may even yet be ready for the pennant before Cervera is prepared to fight. The Alabama has a length on the

load water-line of 368 ft., a Leam of 72ft 2 1/2 in, and will displace 11525 tons on a mean draught of 24 ft, 9 in. At her normal draught the freeboard will be 19 ft 6 in. forward and 13 ft. 6 in aft. She will be heavily arm ured with a nickel steel partial belt yarying in thickness from 4 in. to 16 1/2 in. and extending to 4 ft, below the water-line and to 3 ft. 6 in. above it. The battery above the belt is protected by 5 1/2 in. ot steel, the guns having 6 in. shields. The bulkheads are 10 in thick the in thick, the casemate bulkheads being 2 in. There is a protective deck varying from 2.7 in to 4 in, and the splinter screens between the guns are of 1.5 in, steel. The conning tower will be armoured with 10 in. planting and the main armament of four 13 in rifled breechloaders will be carried in two oval balanced turrets constructed of steel plates varying n thickness from 15 in. to 17 in. In addition to her armour, the sides of the ship will be further protected by collerdams filled with cellulose. The Alabama will also carry fourteen 6 in. quickfirers, seventeen 6-pounder quick-firers, six 1-pounder quick firers, and four machine guns, and in addition four torpedo tubes, two on each broad-side and behind her 5.6 in. armour, The 6 in. guns are carried in spon

The propelling machinery will consist of two sets of three cylinder triple expansion engines collective-ly equal, under forced draught conditions, of indicating 10,000 h.p., from which a speed of 16 knots is expected. Eight single-ended boilers, arranged in pairs in four water-tight compartments, will be fitted, the normal bunker capacity being 800 tons. We have already pointed out that

the 13 in. American gun, weighing 60 1/2 tons, and firing a 1,100 lbs. projectile with a muzzle emergy of 33,627 foot tons, might with advantage be replaced by some such weapon as our 12 in. wire-wound 46 ton gun, whose 850 lbs projectile leaves the muzzle with 33 940 oot tons energy. If this were done and more ammunition carried; the fighting value of the three ships would be considerably increased. -Shipping World.

THE WAR.

There is important news from re, we are compelled to condense

A Washington telegram gives news of the destruction by Com-Sampson's squadron of Admiral Cervera's squadron in Santiago Bay. This look place on Saturday night or Sunday morning. It is not certain whether the U.S. squadron forced an entrance to the bay or whether the Spanish squadron made an at tempt to saily, but anyhow it is asserted that the latter was completely destroyed except one vessel. The statement is reiterated from London; but is received there with reserve. We think it well to regard it with doubt until

In addition to the above it is said that the U. S. forces are now outside the walls of Santiago and have demanded the capitulation of the city under penalty of bombardment. It was the idea of the U.S. com-manders to celebrate the 4th of. days I shall have finished what I July by taking the city Further details but very confus-

of the fighting outside Santiago on Wednesday and Thursday last The latest account of killed and wounded raises to the American losses to 1200 and the Spanish to over 2000, the latter including prisoners. General Shafter has telegraphed urgently for the sending out of forty more military surgeons. The fighting was resumed on Friday and Saturday, the Spanish troops, notwithstanding a determined resistance being beaten back until the Americans reached the gates of the city. The losses to 1200 and the Spanish back until the Americans reached the gates of the city. The batteries of Morro, Sopaca and Estrella are said to nave been all reduced to silence. The U.S. vessel disabled in the combat perhaps, am not forgotten in Combat to perhaps, am not forgotten in Chima and Laran. of Manzandlo was the «Hornet.» The U.S. forces taking part in the fighting numbered 15,000 and it is said an equal number are ready to Spray.

to sail for Cuba in the course of a —The cooperative excursion

revolt was the 2nd Chief Major Isasmendi, who had seized the command from the 1st Chief Command from the 1st Chief Command Morador (it is reported sertion. This may be regarded as earnest desire for peace, even to charter a special steamer for a

-We have to apologise to our readers for the somewhat deficient state of our paper today, but owing to the disturbed and excited state of allairs, there was difficulty both in compiling local news and in getting the paper composed, for we found it necessary to dismiss our compositors at an unusually early hour. We have no doubt that our readers will realise these ditficulties and make allowances for them. It is to be hoped that they will not last long

- We greatly regret to announce the death of Don Tomas Eastman, which occurred quite unman, which occurred quite unexpectedly yesterday morning from
an apopletic attack, he having been well and about the
previous day Mr Eastman was
an Argentine of English parentage,
and had acted as Argentine
Vice-Consul in this city for
many years. He was most
highly esteemed in all classes of
society, native English and foreign. society, native English and foreign, His death plunges a number of families into mourning, on both sides of the Plate. The funeral will take place at 10 a.m. this morning if possible.

-Owing to the disturbances, the

Caridad Lottery which should have been drawn yesterday is suspended until further notice.

- Something has been heard from time to time of a gigantic terrestrial globe, the largest representation of the earth's surface ever designed, that was to be one of the «clous» or chief attractions. of the Paris Exhibition of 1900 The project was that of Mr. Elisée Reclus. It seems that the enthusiasm. of Mr. Reclus for geographical science is not shared by any considerable number of persons, or, at all events, not by a considerable number of persons who have money to spare. The consequence is that the distinguished French savant has had reluctantly to announce that he abandons the idea as he cannot fulfil the financial conditions by which he was -Before the actual war broke

out we heard much of the death

dealing inventions which Mr. Edison and others had in preparation for the American Government. Nothing more has been since heard of these wonderful machines and projects, but Mr. Nicola-Tesla, whose ability as an electrician caonot be disputed, now comes forward with an electrical engine of war which he is perfecting. *It is, " he says «to exert such a ter-rible force as to disable warships and powerfully affect vast armies on land at great distances. » Mr. Testa applies the principle of oscillating waves to sending out electrical currents of high potentials enough to explode the magazine of the seat of war, but, owing to the circumstauces mentioned elsewhetion by Mr. H. G. Wells; but we may still breathe freely. «If » says Mr Tesla, «this device acts as effectively on a large scale as it does in my laboratory the results « will be incalculable. There is much is virtue in a laboratory

-We find the following in a

London exchange about the adven-turous Stocum. Many of our readers will remember his visit here in the course of his trip round the world in his little one-man craft .-«Captain Slocum, of Boston, Mass., whose adventurous voy-age round the world in the tiny craft of which he is at the same time owner, master, and crew, has ex-cited considerable interest in the various British colonies at which he has touched, writes to the Times from St. Helena on April 20: •I sail to-day for America and home via Barbados. In a few know is a very unusual voyage, but Further details but very confus-ed and contradictory have appeared of the fighting outside Santiago on am I 'a dime museum navigator.' My vessel is nine tons register nat, 12.70 gross. Half that size would, I think, go round the world safely perhaps, am not forgotten in China and Japan. I am to day ten years younger than when I felled the first tree for the construction of

few days. They are suffering great-ly from the heat. ly from the heat.

According to Paris advices, the Queen Regent has expressed an clubbing together ried couples are clubbing together the charter a special steamer for a

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ON THE 3rd PAGE.

—The tax on imported grain, which was temporarily abolished, has been re-established in France.

—One of the interviewers of Rudyard Kipling during his visit to South Africa writes of him in The Cape Times: —He takes his work hard. He is tremendously in earnest about it; anxious to give of his best; often dissatisfied with his best. He is quite comically dissatisfied with success; quite tragically haunted by the fear that this or that piece of work, felt intensely by himself in writing and applauded even by high and mighty critics, is in reality cheap and shoddy in execution, and will be cast in damages before the higher court of ages before the higher court of posterity. When Rudyard Kipling had written 'The Recessional, which two hemispheres telt to be one of the very truest and soundest pieces of work done by any writing man in our day and generation, he was so depressed by its shortcomings of his private conception that he threw the rough copy in the wastepaper basket. Thence Mrs. Kipling rescued it. But for Mrs. Kipling we should have had no Recessional I For his best patriotic poems he has declined to accept any nav.

ic poems he has declined to accept any pay.

—We quote from a London paper.—The new «Automatic Telephone Exchange System,» shown in operation at the Royal Institution Conversazione the other night excited the interest and admiration of the numerous electrical experts present, among whom may be mentioned Professor Hughes, Professor Silvanus Thompson, Mr. Campbell-Swinton, and Mr. Crompton. In the new system the personal element is entirely dispenpersonal element is entirely dispen-sed with; the place of the telephone girl is taken by machinery, and the only human being about the place is an electrician, who can be rung up by any subscriber who may wish to ask a question, or make a complaint. Each subscriber's telephone is connected with an apparatus at a central exchange which performs the functions of a complete switchboard comprising any number of connections, and so concentrates in itself the terminals of the lines of other subscribers, that the caller, by so simple an act as touching the fig-ures of the number of the subscriber with whom he wishes to communicate, connects the latter's line with his own. Disconnection is made by simply ringing up the telephone receiver. It is claimed that the new telephonesystem compares favourably with the old in the following ways: There is immediate connection, with the numerical statement of the second mediate connection with the num-ber desired, the caller-up knowing whether he is through or not by the ringing or not ringing of his bell. In the latter case be must he thinks the line is free. There is absolute secrecy of conversation and no possibility of the telephone girl hearing your remarks, cutting in with her irritat-ing «Have you finished?» or dis-connecting you before you have completed what you have to say. There is continuous service both day and night. There is economy of staff. In the United States there are at the present moment some forty automatic Telephone Exchange systems at work successfully.

-The River Plate Fresh Meat Company have applied to Argen-tine Congress for a special law allowing them to introduce duty free all the necessary machinery, etc., for extending their freezing works at Campana, and also to allow them to export duty free for ten years all the sub products obtained from the cattle. The extensions are for preparing chilled beef, for which a good demand has sprung up in the English market. The Director General of Taxes has reported favourably on the petition.

LONDON NOTES

MONDAY, JUNE 6.

The Americans have succeeded in sinking the auxiliary cruiser Merrimac across the narrow chan-Merrimae across the narrow chan-nel at the entrance to Saniago Harbour. Admiral Cervera's fleet, it is claimed, is thus effectually cut off from escape. The daring deed was done by Lieut. Hobson, a naval constructor, and seven men who took the Merrimae in under a furious fire from the forts, and sunk her in the fairway opposite the Estrella battery. The men endeavoured to escape in a small boat, but, seeing that this was imboat, but, seeing that this was impossible, gave themselves up to the Spanish Admiral, who sent the Spanish Admiral, who sent word under a flag of truce to Admiral Sampson that all were safe, though two were wounded by the bursung of a shell. In Madrid the sinking of the Merrimac is attributed to a Spanish torpedo, and is uted to a Spanish torpedo, and is a viptory for Spain.

Summer of large numbers of parents and friends of the students. Amongst the visitors was the Duchess of Albeny, whose son is now being educated at the school. A novel feature in the squatic pro-

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URUGUAY REPUBLIC. One of the greatest gatherings ever seen in Hyde Park took place

there yesterday afternoon in memo-ry of Mr. Gladstone. There were half-a-dozen platforms, from which Churchmen and Nonconformists gave short addresses, and couduct-ed a simple service consisting of hymns which were known to be hymns which were known to be special favourities of the great statesman, the Lord's Prayer, and the Doxology. Seven choirs were present with the object of leading the singing, and for that purpose they were to have been grouped in Mayer, the Rev. J. Ossian Davies, Mr. Lloyd George, M. P., Mr. Ellis Griffith, M. P., and Mr. E. J. C. Morton, M. P. The Chairmen were authorised to send a letter of con-dolence to Mrs. Gladstone.

Mr. John Morley visited Arbroath on Saturday, and opened a public library presented to the town by one of its citizens. Speaking of the value of such institutions and of the astounding growth of newspapers, Mr. Morley referred to the suggestion he made some little time since, that there should be a newspaper class in connection with every library-a class for the elucidation and explanation of the information contained in newspapers The hint he threw out had been taken up by one of the libra ies in London, and he understood that no class had been more popular and nothing had added more to the attractions and usefulness of the institution.

Sir Edward Grey was the guest of the Palmerston Club, at Oxford, on Saturday. In a speech devoted largely to a review of foreign affairs, Sir Edward said that since the Session began the Opposition had been trying to discover what the policy of the Government was, and they had not yet succeeded in making sure that they knew. It was quite fair for France and Russin to make new trade routes, but if while making new railway rout-es for themselves they were also taking steps by diplomatic influen-ce or otherwise to block and stop up the great river routes of trade then that was something which was not compatible with British interests, and upon that there was a great deal more to be told than we yet knew.

Saturday being the Fourth of June, there were the customary celebrations at Eton, in the pre-sence of large numbers of parents

cession was the inclusion of an Eight rowed by former captains of

The body of the late Lord Play-fair was laid to rest at St. An-drews on Saturday. The funeral was attended by representatives of many public bodies to which the deceased peer belonged.

After an exciting game the match between Essex and York-shire come to rather an inglorious end at Leyton, on Saturday, The Northern County won by three wickets, but members of the home they were to have been grouped in the centre of the park, but owing in some degree to the vastness of the crowd they were never really massed. The speakers included. Dr. Clifford, the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, Dr. Newman Hall, the Rev. Tolefree Parr, the Rev. F. B. Mayer, the Rev. I Ossian Dayles. Lord's Gloucestershire gained a weil-earned victory over Middle-sex by eight wickels. Some remarminated in the deleat of Sussex by Somerset, who disposed of their opponents in an hour and fifty minutes in a race against time, and claimed a brilliant victory by 103 runs. The matches between Leicestershire and Surrey, War-wickshire and Kent, and Lanca-shire and Hampshire were left

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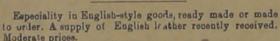
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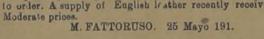
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«What in the world made you ask me down to this confoundedly dull hole, Phemie? How you manage to exist in such at atmosphere of depression gets over me. What made

The speaker was a tall, broad-shouldered man of about five-and-thirty, who was looking somewhat disconsotately from the window of Miss Browne's tiny drawing-room, and dispiriting himself with the prospect of a pastoral landscape under the influence of a leaden sky

and a downpour of rain.

«What made you settle here?» he repeated. «In the old days you loved the life and movement of a town. The place seems a social desert.»

"My dear Jack, you know nothing about it," replied Miss Browne, coming to her brother's side, and slipping her arm in his. <1 can assure you that Limberton has many

advantages.»

«May I ask you to enumerate
them, if it won't tire you?» said Mr. Jack Browne ironically.

«One of them is than I am some-body in Limberton,» returned Miss Browne. «With my modest income, I should be nobody in town. Then the place is not so dull as you imagine. One of our old friends is living in the neighbourhood. Who is it? You would never guess, and so I may as well tell you at once. Major Callenden. What strange things

happen Jack!»

«Ab!» said Jack Browne, with a
long, low whistle of amazement. long, low whistle of amazeme «Abl That explains a good deal.» « What do you mean?» asked Miss

Browne innocently.

«Nothing,» replied her brother, which was manifestly natrue. Then, realising this, he added: «Nothing beyond your powers of comprehen-sion, Phemie.> «Now, don't be absurd, Jack,>

said Miss Browne, and don't make these foolish interruptions. Then there are the Poltimores. They live at The Grange Mrs. Poltimore, really a charming old lady; and her son, a a timid little man, full of uncon-scious humour. I laugh when I think

«You haven't brought me down bere for the sake of a timid little man, full of unconscious humour, I hope, > said Mr. Jack Browne. «If you have, I shall not laugh when I think of him.>

«No,» said his sister, which a world of meaning in her voice. «No, Jack. I want you to know Lady Lumsdaine.»

«And who is Lady Lumsdaine?» enquired Jack, his face showing an awakened interest in the convers-ation. One of the local magnates, eb, Phemie? A great woman in a small place?»

«Lady Lumsdaine is a friend of mine,» replied Miss Browne. «Lady Lumsdaine has reposed great confi-dence in me, and between you and me, Jack, the man will make a very good match who persuades Lady Lumsdaine to marry him. There is a

rich reward for an easy task.»

An easy task. From the dubious manner in which Mr. Browne twirled the ends of his dark moustache, he appeared to think this was a ques-tionable advantage. The rich reward was more to his taste. Jack's means were limited, and he was ready to allow a good income to cover many

«It is really time you married, Jack, said his sister, observing this hesitation. «Thirty-five. You must remember that your best years are slipping away. It is really time you married.>

Jack Browne had arrived at the same conclusion, but although he recognised the fact, to find that others did so was not pleasing. He frowned slightly, and, on the im-pulse of the moment, framed a retort. Euphemia was but three years younger than he. Who was she, to taunt him with his best years slipping away? However, he kept his sword within the scabbard, feeling some curiosity about Lady

Lumedaine; a curiosity which his outspoken sister alone could satisfy. «That's rather unkind, Phemie, be said, banishing the frown, and laughing as he spoke. Rather un-kind, but I suppose it is true enough. Too true, I may say. Well, and you are going to help me to a wife, are you? Very well. Now, tell me all about the young woman!»

«Ob, she is not so very young,» returned Miss Browne. «About forty, I should say, but looks younger, especially in the evening.

"About fortyl" said Jack, rather taken aback. Then be repeated sus-piciously: «About forty. Does that

mean verging on fifty, Phemie?»
«Oh, no,» said his sister, with decision, «not at all. You can accept that as my opinion, my dear Jack. Idon't think that you quite under-stood me. I did not say that Lady Lumsdaine calls herself forty.>
«Abl» said Jack, with a faint sigh
of relief. «Well?»

of relief. «Well?»
«Many people would call her handsome, » said Miss Browce, continuing her description. «Beanty is a matter of taste, and you must judge for yourself. But Cornelia—her name is Cornelis, Jack—has a placid nature and a sweet temper. Intellect? Well, no: too intellectual. I should say you would get on remarkably well together.»

Lich Browne and an oblique glance.

Jack Browne cast an oblique glance at his sister, but did not interrupt her, and she proceeded:

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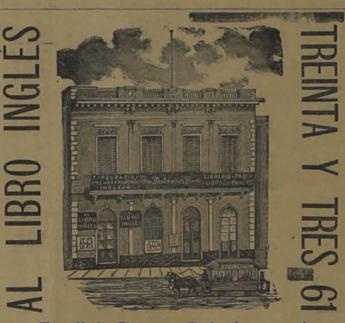
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