

was a busy place in coaching times, the more especially since it was then at the end of the first stage out of London, and the inn at which the horses were changed.

To hear that a Bishop is taking to "biking" suggests many speculative questions—one in particular, whether the bicycle will lead in the case of Bishops, as it is leading in the case of the ladies, to a revolution in costume.

LONDON NOTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

Sir Wm. Lockhart made a reconnaissance in force on Tuesday against the enemy's position at Saran Sar. No resistance was met with until the troops began to retire.

Lord George Hamilton, Secretary of State for India, speaking at a Conservative meeting at Acton last night, entered into a detailed defence of the forward policy on the North West Provinces, and of the circumstances under which the road between Peshawar and Chitral was retained.

Mr. Asquith addressed a Liberal meeting at Rochdale last night, and among the company was Mr. Duckworth, the newly elected member for the Middleton division, who had an enthusiastic reception.

Rolling in the Exchange division of Liverpool took place yesterday to fill the Parliamentary vacancy caused by the elevation of Mr. J. C. Bigham to the Judicial Bench.

Presiding last evening at a dinner in aid of the West London Hospital, the Duke of Devonshire said he feared that compared with the provinces, London did not shine in providing and maintaining hospitals.

It is stated that the Amalgamated Society of Engineers has agreed to join the Federated Trades. This, it is anticipated, will materially strengthen their hands in the Conference, as it will give them the moral and financial support of the 200,000 members of the Federation, of which Mr. Knight is president.

The chief event in football yesterday was the defeat of Middlesex by the Midland Counties by four goals and three tries to one goal and two tries to one goal and two tries in the county championship, at Birmingham.

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of premises situated on the north of the river. No opposition was offered in regard to the leading theatres of varieties. The appearance of Mr. Rose Innes, a member of the Council, as counsel in a case drew an expression of disapproval from a member of the Committee.

—Str. Nord America from Genoa, 43 pass., for La Plata. —Str. Mercurio from Paranaquá. —Str. Pfalz from Bremen, 31 pass., for B. Aires. —Str. Argentina from Hamburg 31 pass., for B. Aires.

MAIL STEAMERS LEAVING TO-DAY —The str. EOLO will leave TO-DAY for Buenos Aires only. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 5 p. m. maritime branch 5.30 p. m.

COMMERCIAL

STOCK EXCHANGE. Montevideo, Dec. 10, 1897. Business dull except for some movement in Consolidateds. Prices made an unsuccessful effort to recover from the fall of yesterday, but did not go lower. Sales as follows:—

Table with columns for Bank, Commercial, and Exchange rates for various locations like London, Paris, Antwerp, etc.

BUSINESS NOTES —The Custom House paid into the London Bank yesterday \$9547 on account of the Consolidated Debt and Railway guarantee service and \$1166 on account of the 5% Loan service.

—Gold opened in B. Aires yesterday at 275 and closed at 274.70. —Exchange upon London was quoted in Rio Janeiro yesterday at 73/16 d. per milreis.

—London, 10. Wheat, 35s. Linseed, 32s-61. Maize, 15s 5d. —Antwerp. Wheat 2050 francs, linseed 31, maize 9.175. —Old wheat very dull at \$3.00 to \$3.25 according to lots. New wheat rather busy. 100,000 kilos new from San José to deliver this month sold at \$3.00. No change in maize.

—On Thursday, reports a telegram, wheat was quoted at Chicago at prices not seen since the Russian famine of 1891, reaching \$1.09 per bushel. In New York it rose to 99 cents. This is attributed to the speculation of a wheat ring.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 10, 1897. Gold, cash, 274.70. Do. end of month, 274.30. Cables \$/s. Provinciales, 17.90. Do. P. cash, 18. Cables G. Nacionales cash, 85.30. Obligac. Banco Constructor, cash, 6.20. Fondos Públicos 1892, cash, 76. Fondos 1884, cash, 75. Consolidada Interna de 1894, cash, 82.50. Consolidada de Santa Fé, cash, 45. Banco del Comercio, cash, 100. Banco Español, cash, 123.50. Gas Argentino, cash, 149. Muelle Catalanes, cash, 7.40. The «Venus» sails.

MARITIME

ARRIVALS AND SAILINGS. Montevideo, Dec 10, 1897. —Str. Helios from Salto, 37 pass. —Str. Eolo from B. Aires, 85 pass. —Str. Tridente from Salto, 12 pass.

OTHER DATES —The str. LIGURIA will leave Dec. 12 for Sandy Point, Coronel, Talcahuano and Valparaiso. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 8 a. m. maritime branch 9 a. m.

—The str. SANTOS will leave TO-DAY for Rio Grande and intermediates to Rio Janeiro. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 3 p. m. maritime branch 4 p. m. on the 10th.

—The str. MEDOC will leave TO-DAY for Rio Janeiro, Pernambuco and Bordeaux. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 1 p. m. maritime branch 2 p. m.

—The str. R. M. S. CLYDE will leave TO-DAY for Rio Janeiro, Bahia, Pernambuco, Lisbon, Vigo, Cherbourg and Southampton. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 11 a. m. maritime branch 12 m.

Table with columns: DEC., NAME, FLAG, FROM. Lists steamers arriving from various ports like Genoa, Liverpool, Glasgow, etc.

Table with columns: DEC., NAME, FLAG, FOR. Lists steamers leaving to various destinations like Dunkerque, Bordeaux, Antwerp, etc.

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BUTTERCUP PLOT.

(A SHORT STORY)

(Continued)

Small and active, she found no difficulty in entering the bones by this means, and before the burglars had time to get into the parlour, she had groped her way up the stairs to Mrs. Wheatley's room.

Then arose a fresh difficulty. How could she avoid giving the old woman a fright? There was no time to consider this question, and she decided to run the risk of a shock.

Opening the door quickly, but noiselessly, she said at the same time: "Don't be frightened, Mrs. Wheatley, it is only me."

A candle was burning on a little table in front of the fire, and Mrs. Wheatley sat in an arm-chair near it, wrapped in a warm shawl. She had risen, and uttered a little cry of fear, as Jane spoke; then sinking back feebly, she stared at the girl in utter amazement.

Jane closed the door softly, and stood with her back to it. Her face was very white, and her heart beat so fast that she could not speak for a moment. Then she gasped: "I'm sorry if I frightened you!"

"What on earth can you want here, Jane Leigh, and how did you get into my house?" asked Mrs. Wheatley, recovering from her surprise, and speaking with an accent of scorn. Even at that moment little Jane was capable of feeling hurt by her manner, and there was something very like a sob in her voice as she answered: "Please, ma'am, you are in danger."

"In danger? What do you mean?" "Hush! Speak low!" answered Jane, advancing further into the room. "I don't want to frighten you more than I need, but two men are breaking in at the downstairs, and I climbed in at the dairy window to warn you."

A complete change came over the woman. She leaned back in her chair, white and trembling. Jane thought she was going to faint. "Don't faint, if you please," she said, very timidly. "I don't think you need have any great fears!"

"Fear! Why, girl, all Mr. Wheatley's money is in that box there, and these men would think nothing of murdering an old woman like me!" And the poor creature spread out her hands with a despairing gesture, looking up at the girl in pitiful helplessness.

"Don't fear," she said slowly, and with a calmness that reassured the elder woman somewhat, "I will take care of you."

"How?" asked Mrs. Wheatley in surprise. "You, Jane Leigh? How?" "I hardly know yet," whispered the girl. "But if you will be quite quiet, I believe it will be all right. Hark! they're in the house, for a slight sound had been heard beneath."

"Let me think! Let me think!" She stood for a moment in an attitude of thought. Then she went to the door, and turned the key in the lock. Very quickly and silently she placed one of the oar-bottomed chairs beside the door-post, and then looked about the room. There was only one object within sight which seemed suitable for her purpose; the great family Bible which lay on a little table by itself, with a white crocheted mat beneath it. Seizing the massive, gilt-clasped volume, Jane blew out the candle, and by the dim glow from the fire, mounted on the chair, holding the Bible in her arms, Mrs. Wheatley was quite still and quiet, even while the footsteps crept stealthily up the staircase. But when a hand was passed along the door from without, she uttered a little cry of horror.

"Oh, the old woman," said a voice. "Scream away. No one will hear you. We'll make short work of her, Bob." The person thus addressed answered with an oath, as he tried to force open the frail lock. A moment more, and he had turned the handle and opened the door.

Little Jane and her volume were ready for him; as he stood for one brief instant on the threshold, there descended upon him what may have seemed to him an avalanche, and he staggered and fell back upon his companion with a cry of dismay.

So unexpected had the blow been, so well chosen the moment at which it was dealt, that the person called Bob was completely stunned, and his companion, well-nigh cracking his skull in his contact with the stair-rail behind him, was too astonished to move or speak for a minute.

Little Jane had fallen too, for the chair had capsized when she gave her attack. But she picked herself up quickly, and rushing to the window, flung it wide open, calling at the top of her voice for help.

Mrs. Wheatley had covered her face with her hands, in an agony of fear, and Jane having her back to the door, could not see what happened. But a few minutes later, when she turned, there was no trace of either of the men to be seen.

She shut the window quickly, and going to the table, lit the candle again.

"It's all right," she said tremblingly. "They're gone now, ma'am."

Mrs. Wheatley slowly uncovered her face, and glanced timidly round, while little Jane picked up the Bible, and rearranged it upon its table. Then she went and stood before the old lady.

"I think you're safe enough now," she said quietly; "I'll be getting home."

Mrs. Wheatley tried to speak; but being unable to make a sound, she put out her trembling hand, and drew Jane to her. The girl stood there, awkward and shy, waiting and wondering what would follow.

"Jane Leigh," said the elder woman at last, "you've done a brave thing to-night."

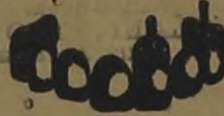
"Thank you, ma'am," whispered Jane.

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