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MONTEVIDEO, DEC. 23, 1897.

NEWS OF THE DAY

MONTEVIDEO
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1897.

Saint Victoria—Sir Richard Arkwright born 1752.—337 days past, 8 to the end of the year.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The change in the Ministry of War is confirmed. The Decree is published accepting the resignation of General L. E. Perez, with thanks for the important services he has given the country, and appointing General Gregorio Castro in his place.

The notes exchanged between President Cuestas and General Perez are decidedly comic. The President writes to his Minister to the following effect: «The press persistently affirms that you intend to resign at the end of the month, and I hear the same from private sources. Not to be surprised by a vacancy in the Portfolio, it has been offered to and accepted by an honest veteran, and therefore I hope you will send in your resignation that I may issue the Decree. I cannot conclude without expressing my regret at the loss of so worthy a colleague and hope that in more serene times we may again work together strongly for the interests of the country, as we have already done.» The Minister replies expressing surprise at the request. The reports of his resignation, he says, had no foundation in fact, and so far as he had been able to trace them, had emanated from the house of Sr. Cuestas himself, whilst on the other hand, if he had retained so long the post of Minister, far from envious in the present situation, it was in deference to the reiterated requests of Sr. Cuestas himself.—There is a touch of opera-bouffe in all this.

It cannot be said that General Perez is any great loss to the Cabinet. Though nothing can be said against his personal honor, he was wanting in energy and decision of character, and complacent with many abuses. As Minister under Dr. Herrera and Sr. Borda, he concurred in their unpopular and disastrous policy, and under Sr. Cuestas he was regarded as an impediment to a more vigorous policy. Our contemporaries pretend to be taken by surprise by his exit, though it has been continually spoken of any time the last ten weeks, and we have little doubt the rumors to that effect were prompted by the wish to see a change.

On the other hand, it cannot be said that the Cabinet gains much by the new Minister General Gregorio Castro. He is 78 or 79 years old and not free from the infirmities incidental to that advanced age. His military career is an honorable one, he having served with distinction in various civil wars, it having commenced as long ago as 1836, when he served under General Rivera. But for the last 15 or 20 years he has lived in practical retirement, and at present has little or no influence in military circles. He is a military man of the old school, of little education or culture. The best point in his favor is that he is an enthusiastic supporter of Sr. Cuestas' candidature. Our native contemporaries all express disappointment or even dissatisfaction with his nomination, not seeing in him the man required by the situation. The new Minister of War left Salto yesterday, and should arrive

to-day, when he will immediately enter on his duties. For the moment these are in charge of the 1st Official Sr. C. Maeso, but it is believed he will resign his post on the arrival of Gen. Castro.

Rumors continue to be very lively of important military and even ministerial changes following the above, but none of them are sufficiently authentic to be worth repeating.

The wonderful report of the Permanent Commission on the question of the devaluations is still kept sacred from the vulgar gaze, and so we shall know nothing definite about it until the discussion on Monday or Tuesday next. We are in no hurry. The longer the exits are kept a way, the better for public health and order.

Yesterday's *Siglo* again warns the parliamentary supporters of Sr. Cuestas against the waste of time in trying to get a majority in the Chambers in his favor. Vote for whom they may, says the *Siglo*, it is absolutely certain that the «collectivist» majority will be brought to vote for Sr. Cuestas. They are opposed to him not for personal reasons, but because he represents political reaction, which is fatal to them and their plans. For the same reason they will be opposed to any and every candidate representing the same ideas. It is a repetition of the situation of 1894, when the «collectivity» openly avowed their intention of opposing every candidate not from their own ranks. They may talk of a «candidate of transaction»—but he must be chosen from among themselves. The *Siglo* again strongly urges the «collectivists» to resign their seats, as the only road to a solution.

Yesterday's *Tribuna* has a powerful article worth notice making a comparison between the situation to day and that just before the death of Sr. Borda. Sr. Borda's personalism, obstinacy, provocative policy, and inaccessibility to all wholesome influences and public opinion, it says, had brought matters to a deadlock, an *impasse*, the only issue from which was by an act of violence—just such an act to which he fell the victim. The Chambers, having learnt nothing by his example, are bringing the Republic to just such another situation. This is not surprising, for the Chambers are his creation—and show themselves worthy of their creator.

«Named by Sr. Borda who selected their components from the most faithful partisans or the most submissive accomplices of his ideas and purposes, it would seem that in the formation of the Chambers there were concentrated all the defects, all the vices and all the tendencies of their creator.... After a sorry and shameful career of errors, the present Chambers, of whose vices of origin and character Dr. Julio Herrera has well known how to take advantage, have at last brought the country to an absolutely desperate situation, just such an *impasse* as that provoked by Sr. Borda in the last days of his government. Then as now, an irresistible and unanimous popular desire, found in the Assembly an enemy arrogant to madness, provocative in its impunity; and that, opposed to all, is dragging the country to an abyss, pursuing its object with a rabid tenacity, even though to attain it, it has to trample on the ruins of the country and of our nationality.» The *Tribuna* recalling the fate of Borda, reminds the Chambers that despair is the mother of violence, and no one can deny that the present situation is one of despair. «This desperate situation, like that of the last days of Borda, and equally without apparent issue, is a direct provocation to violence. The country will not yield again to «collectivism» it is useless to think of it, it will not support the ruin already initiated. It will not bend a suicidal neck to the yoke of shame.»

As complementary to the above may be regarded the article which yesterday's *Dia* prints in the form of an interview with a person whose name it reserves but whom we are inclined to think is of its own creation. After analysing the conditions of the present Chambers, and the impossibility of expecting a favorable solution from them of the presidential problem even under the pretence of a «candidate of transaction», it goes on to say, «the country rejects openly, tenaciously and irreconcilably, any «collectivist» candidate, so much so that the least notice favorable to the popular cause immediately produces a considerable rise in all public values, whilst the reverse causes a fall.» It is absurd to speak of a provisional government as a dictatorship, for it is the only means at present to restore to the country constitutional government, that is to say government by the properly elected representatives of the people. Even from the theoretical point of view, the dissolution of the Chambers should be regarded as an act of profound respect for the

Constitution and the laws. As to idea that the «collectivity» could initiate a revolution in case of dissolution of the Chambers, it may be dismissed as absurd. They have no elements for such a step, the large majority of the military are against them (*query*) and it would be crushed in a day. On the other hand, the event would be saluted by an explosion of joy throughout the country and a general rise of values. Who would move to sustain a system inexorably condemned alike by natives and foreigners? Lastly it is practicaly certain that the election of a «collectivist» president, would provoke another rising of the blanco party, if only because the leader of the oligarchy (meaning Dr. Julio Herrera) has openly rejected the convention of peace and advocated a continuation of the civil war.

A Golden Wedding.

To-day is the golden wedding day of Captain Thurburn, R. N. (the father of Mr. R. A. Thurburn the esteemed manager of the London Bank) who was married to the eldest daughter of Mr. James White, in this city on the 12th December 1847. The «eternitas» of Mrs. White (Misia Enriqueta Arriola de White) were in those days famous for the many handsome girls attending them. Misia Enriqueta, who is repeatedly referred to by the grey beards of our community as the model step-mother, is still amongst us, though leading a very retired life and enjoying the esteem and respect of all who have ever had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

Captain Thurburn was in command of the British man of war on this station, and it is said that he proposed one evening was married next morning and sailed in the afternoon, returning three or four months afterwards for his bride. Mrs. Thurburn is a sister of Mrs. Graham, wife of Mr. Graham (of Parlana, Graham and Co.) now resident in Manchester, of Mrs. Marquita Thomson and Mrs. Kocub. —*Times of Argentina*, Dec. 21.

THE SPANISH-CUBAN SITUATION.

(Daily News.)

GENERAL WEYLER, the ex-Governor of Cuba and ex «Butcher Cumberland» of the island has reached Barcelona, and has had an uproarious popular reception. The question for the shouting crowd is—what next? There can be no question that they shout for the whole Spanish people. The Regent has the country behind her in her coercion of the Cubans as George III. had his country at his back in his coercion of the American colonies. The late United States Minister to Spain, Mr. Taylor, has told us that the real difficulty is the perversion of the national sentiment. Mr. Taylor is now free to speak, and he has made full use of his opportunity not only in his recent speech, but in a remarkable article in «The North American Review» for November. General Weyler, having failed so conspicuously in war, is going into politics—as a Conservative, of course, and in order to realize his Protectionist ideas. Those ideas have ruined Cuba. The Spanish tariff laws, says Mr. Taylor, compel the Cubans to buy in dear Spanish markets three thousand miles away, when they might have cheap ones at their door in the United States. The evil was partially mitigated by the reciprocity treaties, but when these expired, three years ago, the revolution became inevitable. The Cuban producer had then two hostile tariffs against him, instead of one, and he began his struggle for bread in the open field.

The Spanish Conservative journals, it will be seen, are playing up to the General, by denouncing the Cuban Customs scheme, which forms an essential part of Señor Sagasta's project of reforms. It is doubtful that Señor Sagasta will be allowed to carry it, in spite of the assent of his Cabinet. He had to resign office before, because he failed with a thorough-going autonomy scheme. It was rendered useless by insidiously contrived amendments, and he was weak enough to give the impoverished measure his support. What he has done before, he may be expected to do again. He cannot make the Spanish people either generous or just against their will. General Weyler has no better defence of his barbarous treatment of the Cuban peasantry than a supposed necessity of the military situation. If these poor people are left in their homesteads, it seems they give information to the insurgents. The General, accordingly, drove them into the fever-stricken towns where they perished of want and overcrowding; and butchered them when they refused to obey his summons. Mr. Taylor argues that Spain cannot be expected to give Cuba the really popular government which she neither understands nor enjoys. His remedy for all these evils is the peaceful intervention of the United

States in a formula of three courses. Congress is to pass a joint resolution affirming the right and duty of the Union to put an end to the conflict, and asserting that, as Spain has declined its friendly offices as peacemaker, it will now exercise its «entire moral influence» on its own responsibility. This, with its implication of the right to take measures of another kind, will, be it satisfied, compel a complete change of Spanish policy. It will save time to make the last course the first one. Spain will certainly not yield to anything but a threat of war and it is doubtful if she would yield even to that.

Can Disease be Cured by Fruit?

The so-called «fruit cure», although not much heard of in England is well recognised at various places on the Continent, where so-called grape cure stations have been established. In a recent number of *Modern Medicine and Bacteriological Review* there is an interesting article on the subject, in which the historical side of the question is dealt with. Thus we are told that many medical authorities in the tenth century became enthusiastic in their writings over the remarkable curative virtues of grapes, whilst a certain Van Swieten, of a more modern date, is said to have recommended in special cases the eating of twenty pounds of strawberries a day. The same gentleman also reports a case of phthisis healed by strawberries, and cites cases in which maniacs have regained their reason by the exclusive use of cherries as food! These instances rather savour of the miraculous, but there is no doubt that the so-called grape cure for indigestion and other evils, is carried on in many places on the Continent, and that people he take themselves to Meran, Vevey, Bingen, or to Italy and the South of France with the intention of devoting six weeks to the cure, during which time they are expected to have gradually accomplished the feat of consuming from three to eight pounds of grapes daily as the case may be.

Civil Statistics.

According to the Monthly Demographic Bulletin for November, the population of the city in that month was estimated at 249,944. 4911 persons entered the port and 4452 left it, being a gain of 459.

Births, 572.
Males, legitimate..... 257
Females, do..... 229
Males, illegitimate..... 44
Females, do..... 42

Marriages, 85.
Men, Uruguayan..... 38
Do, foreigners..... 47
Women, Uruguayan..... 53
Do, foreigners..... 32

Deaths, 328.
Males..... 182
Females..... 149
Uruguayans..... 103
Foreigners..... 135

SUNDRIES

—The following passage is translated from a pamphlet on current politics by the well-known writer Sr. Victor Arreguine. His remarks seem to us to meet the case very fairly. «The luckless Sr. Borda was not what is vulgarly understood as a tyrant; but he was a violator of those high, holy and merciful laws that imperiously demand consideration for the blood of citizens and for the sufferings of the people. He was also vain and obstinate, and it is better to draw a veil over his acts as governor. In his rustic opinionativeness he failed to understand the great impersonal voice of the laws, which speak to all equally and demand obedience from all. He neither understood the law, nor cared to listen to its voice. He put himself outside the law, and outside the law he was treated. If the people rejected the law, it was because by his death many other deaths were avoided, and because he who thought so much in himself and so little in his country was not allowed to go unpunished.»—True, but the punishment, as the punishment of all such men should be the organised work of society, not the impulse of an individual. We do not hold it in the least wrong that Borda was killed; his death at the hands of organised authority would have been no more than just retribution. But we do hold it wrong that any individual should usurp to himself the functions of public executioner before he has received authority for the same. The crime was not in the killing of Borda, but in the doing so without authorisation. It was a murder, when it should have been an execution.

—We have to acknowledge receipt of a very pretty wall letter-rack, printed in colours, and with almanac for 1898. It bears the name of Mr. C. C. Cumming the well known merchant and shipping broker of Bahia Blanca.

—England's dog muzzling ordinances have force beyond the gravities in the opinion of the Highgate Magistrates. They have fined the

owner of a dog found unmuzzled 10 shillings, though they were informed the man was dead.

—A New York journalist has been revelling in comparisons between Greater New York and some of the smaller Principalities of the world. He points out with exultation that Serbia's population is slightly less than that of New York City, and that the City salary list is three times greater than the public revenue of King Alexander's kingdom. The Prince of Montenegro has fewer people in his kingdom than will cross Brooklyn Bridge in a single day. The Mayor of New York appoints 245 heads of departments, who, in their turn, have 30,000 appointments in their gift. Comparisons such as these lead the ingenious journalist to exclaim: «The Mayor of Greater New York will have more gifts at his command, more spoils, more arbitrary power in regard to high places, than many foreign rulers whose names are naturally associated with the pomp of thrones and kingship. His power, in a word, dwarfs that of many Kings.»

—The *Tribuna* is unhappy because a British subject is fulfilling the duties of Uruguayan Consul at Sandy Point. It does not give his name, but it thinks an Uruguayan might be found for the post.

—We regret to announce the death, which occurred yesterday, of Mrs. Dutton, relict of the late Mr. Robert Dutton the estanciero, and a well-known English resident of many years standing. The funeral will take place from the house Durazno 355, at 3 p. m. to-day (Thursday).

The audiences at the San Felipe Theatre continue to be as large as can be expected in this weather, and the performances give great satisfaction. Sr. Cavalli especially attracting admiration by the extraordinary naturalness of his style. In certain typical comic characters we have seen very few actors to equal him. The programme for this evening consists of «Il Sindaco Bertoldo», «Il Medico delle Signore» (two parts) and «Le Tentazioni di San Antonio». The company would do well to bring their performances to a close at an earlier hour, as is promised in programme. Tomorrow will be a «unión de moda» not in sections.

—The threatened storm seems to have cleared off, and yesterday afternoon it was again bright and terribly hot, though with a slight breeze. It is to be hoped the bad weather is not saving up for the holidays.

—She «I don't see why women shouldn't make as good swimmers as men.» The male brute: «Yes—but you see a swimmer has to keep his mouth shut.»

—Fond Mother: «Oh, Peter, Peter! I thought I told you not to play with your soldiers on Sunday!» Peter: «But I call them the Salvation Army on Sunday.»

—The funeral of the murdered actor Mr. W. Ferriss took place at Brompton cemetery on Tuesday. There was an enormous attendance, and many valuable funeral wreaths were sent from his admirers abroad.

—Montevideo telegrams published in Buenos Aires regard the dissolution of the Chambers as a certainty. They also think that it will be signal for a revolution. They generally manage to know more about our affairs than we do ourselves.

—We looked in vain to our Buenos Aires contemporaries yesterday for any further news about the catastrophe on board the «Southern Cross».

—The 2nd Annual General Meeting of subscribers to the British Episcopal Church will be held at the British Consulate at 4.30 p. m. on Wednesday next, December 29.

—Emilio Aguinaldo, the leader of the rebellion in the Philippines, has definitely signed the compact of peace. All the principal rebel leaders and many of their followers have submitted to the Spanish authorities. It is said that the rebel leaders had no fewer than 20,000 men under their orders.

—The telegrams have a great deal to say, but not of a very intelligible character, about the repatriation of China, towards which it is believed Germany and Russia have taken the first step. Several of the leading European papers seem to think it will provoke a «European war». The British squadron, it is said, will make a demonstration at Che Foo, by way of «warning» to the other Powers. Great Britain and Japan are expected to cooperate in defence of China, though they might not be adverse to the establishment of a European Protectorate in Central China.

—The military council appointed to enquire into the charges against Colonel Esterhazy in relation to the Dreyfus case, have found sufficient material for him to be tried by a Court Martial.

—The *Siglo* advocates, and we heartily support it, the prohibition of smoking on the front benches of open tram cars. It is a nuisance

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and a real danger to the passengers sitting behind, even if these are smokers themselves. It would be quite sufficient if the last two benches were reserved for smokers.

A pleasant place to spend an hour these hot summer evenings is the «Cerveceria Saturno» in the Plaza Cagancha where free concerts of popular music are given every Thursday and Sunday by an efficient orchestra.

We note that several local Societies are giving dances on Christmas Eve. Just fancy dancing with the thermometer approaching 90°. Why does not some one initiate a new but very reasonable practice by holding social gatherings in the bath?

General Weyler is preparing a fulminating reply to the Message of President McKinley. Let the latter prepare to tremble.

LONDON NOTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

A Reuter's telegram from Brass states that the column of the Royal Niger Constabulary, under Major Arnold, has carried by assault with slight loss the fortified position of Kiffi, held by Prince Arku, the rebel son of the King of Igara. The defenders were completely routed. Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, accompanied by Mrs. Drew, travelled from Hawarden to London yesterday en route to Cannes. At Euston a few personal friends awaited their arrival, and a group of spectators also assembled on the platform, by whom the veteran statesman was loudly cheered. He was looking well, though somewhat pale. During his brief stay in town Mr. Gladstone will be the guest of the Bishop of Rochester at Kennington.

Mr. Ritchie, speaking at Croydon last night at a Chamber of Commerce dinner, repudiated any design on the part of the Government to smash the London County Council. They only intended to ask Parliament for power to set up district municipalities, to whom the County Council, now overburdened, might delegate some of its work. He congratulated the country on an increase in the general volume of trade, but showed that there was a serious fall in exports, partly due to causes we could not control, but partly also to the engineers' dispute. He especially warned our manufacturers against the competition of the United States.

Addressing the members of the Manchester Reform Club last evening, Mr. Herbert Gladstone said personally he thought nothing would satisfy Ireland but Home Rule. Some members of the Liberal party were impatient because the leaders did not say much about the question. Others were impatient because they had had enough of it and wished it out of the way. His advice was to wait. If Home Rule could be killed by kindness Liberals would be relieved of a great responsibility. If not, the Government would have finally demonstrated the failure of the alternative policy. Liberals could continue to let the question remain in suspense.

Lord Rosebery presided at the annual meeting of the Scottish History Society, held yesterday in Edinburgh, and spoke in high praise of the work of the Society. He afterwards presided at the presentation of a portrait to Professor Masson.

The Home Secretary announced that the Government intended to go on scheduling dangerous and unhealthy trades. Legislation for shortening the hours of domestic servants was not practicable; but he promised to inquire as to the earlier closing of shops. There was an idea that he had seriously curtailed the powers of the chief lady inspector, but he denied that such was the case. She was only required to consult Dr. Whitelegge, the chief inspector, before instituting prosecutions. Her predecessor had made a practice of doing so. The Home Secretary touched on several topics of less general interest, promising to consider most of them.

A private conference of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants was held at Birmingham yesterday to further consider the men's demands for an increase of wages and improved conditions of service, recently formulated and sent to the different companies. The replies of the latter being considered unsatisfactory, it was decided to again approach them with a view to arbitration, and to require from them a reply by a certain date.

Yesterday the London County Council authorised its Improvements Committee to take steps to acquire the necessary property for widening Southampton-row, between Theobald's-road and Holborn, to 90 feet, at an estimated cost of 149,500. Col. Rotton answered several questions regarding the recent great fire in the City. On the authority of Commander Wells, he said the astonishing rapidity with which the conflagration spread was entirely due to the nature, contents, and situation of the buildings.

While driving with two other ladies from a shooting party held on her husband's estate yesterday, the Countess of Lathom was thrown from her carriage and so badly injured that she died almost immediately.

Two men, named Higgins and Smith, were at the Old Bailey yesterday sentenced—Higgins to three years penal servitude, and Smith

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—The str. SAN MARTIN will leave TO-DAY for Buenos Aires and Asuncion. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 5 p. m. maritime branch 5.30 p. m.

—The str. PFALZ will leave TO-DAY for Las Palmas, Vigo, Southampton, Antwerp and Bremen. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 5 p. m. maritime branch 5.30 p. m. on the 22nd.

—The str. NORD AMERICA will leave TO-DAY for Rio Janeiro, Las Palmas and Genoa. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 10 a. m. maritime branch 11 a. m.

OTHER DATES

—The str. AMMON will leave Dec. 24 for St. Vincent, Havre and Hamburg. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 5 p. m. maritime branch 5.30 p. m. on the 23rd.

—The R. M. S. DANUBE will leave Dec. 25 for Rio Janeiro, Bahia, Pernambuco, Lisbon, Cherbourg and Southampton. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 10 a. m. maritime branch 11 a. m.

Note.—In addition to the hours mentioned above, letters for all these steamers will be received, without extra charge, in the Aduna Kiosk until the P. O. agents leave to go on board the steamers.

Steamers to arrive.

Table with columns: DEC., NAME, FLAG, FROM. Lists arrivals from various ports like London, Havre, Antwerp, etc.

Steamers to leave.

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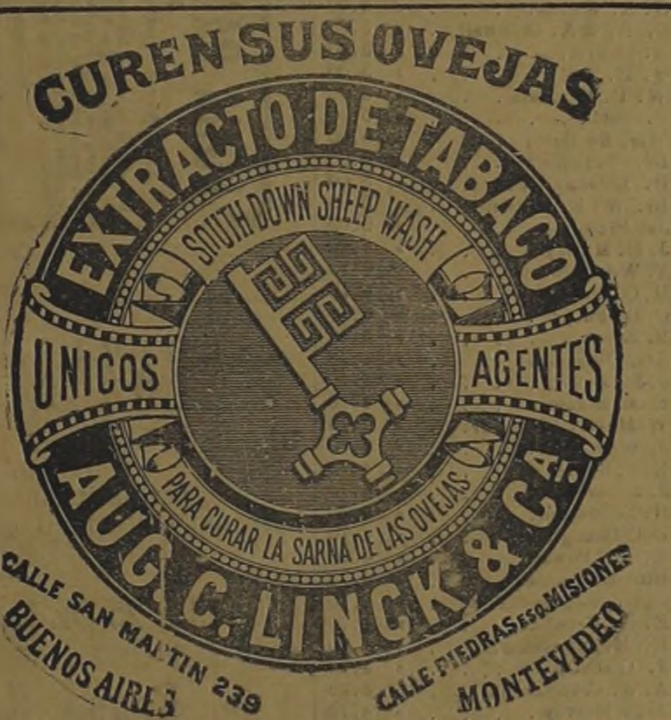
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"We had been great friends at Cambridge, in spite of many differences between us; he was a fair-haired giant and a double 'Blue,' while I was never much good in a boat or on the football field. But the laws which govern friendship are strange, and ours had been a close one, though I had not seen him since our last night together in his rooms in Clare, two years before."

"So you have been buried among these dusty old books all this time," he said, when we were settled in the chambers where I vainly waited for briefs, "while I have been after bear in the Rockies, and moulton in Tibet, and elephants in Africa. But the strangest game I had, after all, was in the Danube country."

"What was it?" I asked.

"Well, I hardly like to tell any one," he answered, "for I shouldn't be in any hurry to believe it myself. But I'll risk it with you, for you know me better than most people. First of all, what do you make of this? You were a swell at the classics in the old days, and I never could do much with them, you know."

He took out a pocket-book, from which he carefully brought a yellow strip of parchment, with some faded letters in pale ink.

"You're the only man that's seen it yet," he went on, "except Lindsay. Did you ever hear of him—Oswald Lindsay, a painter? I met him out in Moldavia, and he was in at this adventure with me. He thought it was some kind of Greek, but we couldn't make it out; perhaps it has something to do with what happened. See if you can read it, and then I'll tell you the story."

I looked at the parchment closely; it was a thin strip, with letters faint but perfectly legible, except the last, where a dull red stain ran across the end.

"Yes," I said, "it is certainly Greek, but some of the characters are peculiar. It looks to me like the Etruscan-Greek writing, and if so, it must be considerably over two thousand years old. How on earth did you get it? Do you know what it means?"

"No; that's why I showed it you," he said, "it is a Greek verse, and a rather strange one. It means: 'He who kisses me is mine for ever.'"

"Great Heavens!" he muttered, "and he very nearly was, poor beggar."

"What on earth do you mean?" I asked. "Whoever wrote this—if it's genuine—has been dead at least twenty centuries."

"Well, you know I'm not so bold enough to forge it, and I'll tell you how I got it. Three months ago I was shooting in the Danube country, right away from all towns, up among the forests and gorges. Of course I had a guide, a clever beggar who could patter away in all the tongues of those parts, Czech and Bulgarian and Rumanian and all the rest. He told me lots of their legends—queer tales about devils and were-wolves and vampires—at which I used to laugh; but by Jove! I've given up laughing at that kind of thing. Oh, you may smile your cynical smile here in a civilized Christian country with the hum of London in your ears; wait until you get out into a savage land where they still keep a healthy belief in a very personal devil."

"Then I came across Lindsay, painting in the Carpathians, and we got very friendly. He wasn't a bit of a sportsman, you know—a dreamy, poetical kind of fellow—not at all my sort, you'd fancy; but one's heart always goes out to an Englishman away in an outlandish country. So one day I thought I would have a day off shooting, and go out with him; he talked awfully well when he was painting. We went without a guide, for he knew the way to the place he was going to paint. It was a grand scene, about five miles from the nearest village, a mountain stream tumbling down a narrow gorge, boiling and foaming in its twisting rocky channel, and pinedale cliffs on each side rising steep and high from the river's edge. He painted hard till about two, when we had lunch, and then the light had changed, and it was too hot to go back for some time, so we smoked and talked, and finally fell asleep under the trees. I suppose we were both fairly tired, for we must have slept a good time; when I woke the sun was beginning to go down, a chill wind sighed through the pines, and black clouds swept threateningly across the sky. We started off through the woods at a good rate, but the storm came quicker, first a few heavy drops splashing through on the dead leaves, and then as if the very heavens had opened, I never saw such rain out of the tropics; it fell in sheets of solid water, so that we could not see a yard before us, but could only grope blindly among the trees for shelter. The thunder and lightning were simply awful; it was like great puffs of fire suddenly opening in the sky. Very soon we were hopelessly lost, drenched to the skin, and bruised with stumbling among the trees. At last the storm seemed to abate a little, and the flashes became less frequent, and we found ourselves, straining our eyes through the gloom, on the edge of what looked to be a

small clearing in the forest. In front we could dimly make out a square-looking rock, overgrown with creepers, about twenty feet high, when suddenly there came a blinding blue flash, and a deafening roar, the lightning leaped across our eyes, and the air was heavy with a choking sulphurous smell. There we crouched in the drenching rain, hardly daring to move, while for another half-hour the jagged lightning hurled across the black sky, and the thunder boomed and bellowed among the ravines. Then the storm ceased, almost as suddenly as it began, and the full moon stole out, from the rack of clouds, throwing fantastic black shadows across the little clearing. I looked around and started.

"Good Heavens! Lindsay," I said, "that first big flash struck the rock there. What a shave for us!"

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