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A LULL.

After a prolonged series of tribulations and agitations, this Republic has reached what we think may fairly be described as a happy lull in the political situation. At the present moment not only do we fail to see any motive for serious political apprehension, but not even one for serious agitation of a nature to disturb or arrest economical recovery. Apart from unforeseen natural accidents to which all States are liable, the horizon may be regarded as entirely clear. The Republic still has an uphill path before it, it is true, and in that path there may be hidden pitfalls which time alone will reveal, but to present judgment there are no serious obstacles that may not be surmounted by ordinary intelligence, good will and activity, such as are being displayed by the men now at the head of affairs.

We do not hesitate to say that this is a very happy condition, and it is certainly one which the Republic has not known for a very long time past. When we look back and compare this condition with that of ten months ago, the contrast could hardly be greater. Then, the Republic was plunged into a determined civil war, financial ruin was at our doors, confidence in the Government was at the lowest ebb, and there was not a single break perceptible in the heavy clouds which closed in the horizon on every side. It was the darkest hour without a dawn behind it. Not the maddest would have ventured to predict so complete a change as that which has taken place. That change, however, has been accomplished, step by step, until, as we said just now, not a single cloud remains.

We do not mean, in saying this, to pretend that the millennium has arrived. Far from it. What we specially wish to point out is that all immediate causes for apprehension and for prejudicial political agitation have been removed. The forthcoming legislative elections are being arranged on friendly terms between the political parties, reducing excitement and contest to a minimum. The selection of candidates is a party matter in which the general public will only take a secondary interest, for there is the certainty that the future Chambers will be greatly superior in every way to any the Republic has recently seen and will be worthy public confidence and respect. The solution of the presidential problem is known beforehand, and even supposing some natural accident should prevent Sr. Cuestas from continuing in the post, there is still the certainty that his successor will be one selected to carry on the same regenerative policy. Above all, the "collectivity" has been utterly delated and broken up, and reduced to such impotence that there is not the least fear of its restoration.

We think, then, that we are perfectly justified in saying that the Republic may look forward, with a high degree of certainty, to a considerable period of regenerative government; not ideal, nor free from error; but at all events popular, worthy of confidence, well-intentioned and in nearly every respect the contrast of its predecessors which caused the Republic so many sufferings. And this means a very great deal. It means financial recovery

in the first place, of which we have already had important signs. It means the resumption of public works that will aid in the development of the Republic's great resources. It means a general expansion of its economical life, and the renaissance of commerce and industry, so long stagnant. It means the awakening of local capital—of which there is no lack—from its lethargy, as well as the renewed attraction of foreign capital and enterprise. It means increase of population and better times for all concerned in honest work. In two words, it means PROSPERITY and PROGRESS, and beyond that we think it unnecessary to say more.

NEWS OF THE DAY

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The *Martyrdom of St. John the Evangelist*.—Phoenix Park murders, 1882—126 days past, 239 to the end of the year.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The Council of State did not sit on Wednesday. The Executive has communicated to the Departmental Prefects the appointments made by the Council of State of the Electoral Boards, ordering the same to be convoked for Sunday next in order to proceed to the elections of the Inscribing Committees, so as to prepare for the opening of the Civic Registers throughout the Republic. The Decree has been issued appointing Colonel Angel Casalla as interim Prefect of the Department of Paysandu in place of Col. Andres Klingner, resigned. Col. Casalla will be replaced in the Commandancy General of Marine by Col. Candido Robido. The latter is considered a good selection, but our contemporaries cannot avoid commenting on the frequent changes that have been made of late in this post, to the detriment of good service; as also on the fact that a military man should always be chosen to fill it, although there is nothing of a military character in his duties.

The Government has sent a note to the Supreme Military Tribunal calling attention to the fact that for some time past the accounts have been charged with six Judges, whereas only five are authorized by the law. In future, it says, allowance will only be made for five. Yesterday's *Nacion*, commenting on the reorganization of the "Colorado" party with a view of the approaching elections; advocates the candidatures of Dr. Juan Carlos Blanco and of Sr. José Batlle y Ordoñez for the Presidencies of the Directive and Executive Committees respectively. The Executive has forwarded to the Council of State the Annual Law of Stamp and Stamped Paper (*Ley de Papel Sellado y Timbres*). It is not stated that any reforms are suggested in the Law, though there are few Laws that more require complete overhauling.

Orders have been given for the removal to the Arsenal of the cart-ridge making machines and material purchased by the previous administration, and which have hitherto remained in the Custom House. Costly as they were, they have never been put to any use, and in fact are said to be almost unserviceable. Probably the only object in their purchase was that some one might gain a "commission."

THE DANCING OF TO-DAY.

Is it in DECADENCE?
In spite of all that has been said and sung in protest, it must be obvious to any spectator at a modern dance that dancing as an art shows no signs of regeneration; indeed, once it has departed from its ancient traditions, it appears to find "facile est descensus." Even so-called leaders have raised their voices in vain, and it cannot be wondered at that Suburbia is not slow to embrace what Mayfair and Belgravia are forced to condone, in fact for the most part encourage. Still, the question forces itself upon the onlooker, where is it to end? Will the art (or what is left of it) eventually degenerate into a glorified football scrimmage? Or shall we suddenly revert to the "stiff and stately" dancing of the past?

We certainly erred on the side of stiffness at one time. Certain foreigners, who have not revisited England since the century was middle-aged, still picture to themselves the English waltz as a vista of slowly revolving couples, stiff to woodenness. What a rude awakening they would receive were they to see an English dance of to-day! No foreigner ever "shop-valsed" more vigorously than Young England does now. Still, though we may regret the disappearance of the waltz of a few years ago, which had attained absolute perfection of time and motion, the "shop-valse" does not come altogether under the ban of the true lover of the art. More to be condemned is the style of valse now

prevalent. Affectation is the keynote struck by both men and girls. Whereas dancing should above all be natural, since its origin was doubtless the outcome of youthful gladness, which is common to all ages and all races, the aim of modern ball-room dancers is to affect distorted and cramped positions, which, it is to be presumed, they fondly believe possess style. They sink their necks into their shoulders until they might well be mistaken for the strange creatures of Othello's tale; they stick out their elbows, they hang their heads on one side, some men even place the lady's right hand on their shoulder in a fearful and wonderful position—these be but a few of their fantastic devices, their name is legion.

Still, the dance "a deux" is beautiful compared to the square dance—the Lancers, which is the only survivor of its race. There are some hostesses and chaperons (unfortunately a very small proportion) who object to the romp into which certain figures of the so-called Kitchen Lancers degenerate; but their feeble protests are drowned in the wild onrush of staid youths and frolicsome maidens. Primarily, the Lancers are no longer Lancers. The charming second figure, with its old-world grace of curtsy and bow, is voted out of date, and valseing is substituted. The delightful "Grand Chain" is generally replaced by a "galop" and a "Here-we-go-round the mulberry-bush" finale. Naturally some innovations and modifications must creep into a dance after many years of popularity, but the present interpretation of the third and fourth figures should certainly call down the censure of all who give themselves credit for the possession of good taste. It is scarcely an edifying or a pratty sight to see ladies lifted off their feet as they swing round in "ladies to the centre" or "visiting." This is what usually occurs in these figures, for the gentlemen form a circle inside which the ladies are swung round at lightning speed. As the ladies link their arms in the gentlemen's the rapid movement lifts them off the ground, and they often swing round in the air almost in a horizontal position. The disinterested spectator can neither admire the latest development of the last figure. The sight of all the gentlemen of a set, slinked arm in arm charging up and down the room like a troop of cavalry, and the ladies imitating them, is neither beautiful nor congenial with the surroundings. No one could be prudish enough to veto lively dances, but there is a point where fun ceases and vulgarity (to call it by a harsh word) steps in. There is a style of dancing which one is quite prepared to see on the Crystal Palace lawns on a Bank Holiday, but which does not appear in its place in a West End drawing room.

There is much moaning and groaning at the decay of chivalry, at the vanishing of innocent flirtation, and those small attentions so dear to the feminine heart. But the men are not wholly culpable. The lion's share of the blame rests with the girls of the so-called high and upper classes. She makes herself too "cheap" as the expressive slang word has it; in her dancing, as in many other ways, she too often "gives herself away." Still it does not do to make too sweeping a condemnation for there are without doubt many girls who only follow where others lead, or are, carried away by the excitement of the moment, and who, on reflection, would soon be convinced of the mistake they are making, both from a social and an artistic point of view. To them the appeal should be made to restore some of its lost beauty to the most graceful of all pastimes.—*London Paper.*

How it Feels to be Asphyxiated.
Philip Reardon, Superintendent Abbott Quicksilver Mining Company, of Illinois, Sulphur Greek, California, relates his experience with mining gas in the *Mining and Scientific Press*, San Francisco, as follows: "In our mine we sometimes have to contend with sulphuretted hydrogen, chlorine gas, carbonic acid gas and marsh gas, sometimes called fire damp; and lately have had all these to contend with at the same time and place. We had struck the ledge, finding, in addition to these gases, some petroleum, with a heavy flow of water equal to about 4 miner's inches when we were driven out of the tunnel by the excess of sulphuric acid gas, called by our miners sore-eye gas, owing to the fact that it affects the eyes so that the men are temporarily blind, and suffer great pain while the eyes are affected. We had discontinued work temporarily, while preparing to put in artificial ventilation, and my brother went in to examine the tunnel. He had stopped to look at something about 250 feet from the breast, I went ahead to the breast carefully trying for carbonic acid gas along the floor with a candle, also along the roof of the tunnel for marsh (or inflammable) gas. I found neither with

the light, but within a few seconds after reaching the breast, where a large flow of water was coming out of the ledge, I found that I was getting very short of breath. I tried to recover, but could not do so. My candle was burning brightly. I turned and ran back towards the mouth of the tunnel, perhaps 100 feet, at the same time calling to my brother to come to me. I began to get weak, lose consciousness, and fell to the floor. I could not rise again, although trying hard to do so. I felt just like one in a nightmare, trying to move, but unable to do so; but felt no pain whatever, not even strangling or constricting sensation. At this point my brother reached me, and pulled me back toward better air, where I revived within a minute or two. In this case asphyxia was probably caused by chlorine gas. I have several times helped to take men who had been suffocated out of mines and their faces and positions showed no signs of pain or any suffering. I had wondered at this, but now I know how a person might be asphyxiated while his light burned brightly, and would suffer no pain whatever to warn him of approaching danger."

THE WAR.
It is stated that the U. S. Government at Washington has at last received Commodore Dewey's report on the battle of Sunday, but has not yet given it for publication, awaiting further particulars. The American losses are stated to have been 50 killed and 75 wounded. The gunboats "Concord" and "Petrel" were severely damaged but none of the other vessels. Repairs were commenced immediately in the Bay of Manila. (We are inclined to doubt the genuineness of all this, and can hardly believe the U. S. Government would keep back the report, if it has really been received.) There is still no certain confirmation of the bombardment of Manila, nor is it known what the U. S. fleet has been doing since its victory. Probably it is awaiting the arrival of troops before attempting to take the town.

The rather startling statement was made yesterday that the Spanish squadron, which everyone thought was on its way from St. Vincent to Havana, is really on the way back to Cadiz, where it is now expected. The idea seems to be to effect a juncture of the two squadrons and with them make a point attack on the U. S. fleet by itself the St. Vincent squadron was not strong enough to engage the U. S. squadron off Havana, which would be reinforced for the occasion by the flying squadron from Hampton Roads. This seems confirmed by a Madrid telegram which announces that between May 20 and 25 the following combined squadron will arrive in Cuban waters; the armour-clad "Pelago," "Carlos V." and "Infanta Maria Teresa," the protection cruisers "Vicaya," "Almirante Oquendo" and "Cristobal Colon" and three destroyers. (What has become of the torpedo flotilla? Probably the want of coal and provisions has had something to do with the return of the squadron to St. Vincent. Anyhow, the agony seems likely to be prolonged for some time, and meanwhile both Manila and Havana are at the mercy of the U. S. squadrons and cut off from all exterior assistance! The Spanish power in the Pacific may already be regarded as broken by the destruction of the Spanish fleet on Sunday last.)

From Havana the only important news is that General Blanco has withdrawn the armistice and ordered a renewal of hostilities with the rebels. This was on Wednesday. Reports are again circulating of famine being felt in Havana, owing to the troops having seized all the food, but they are not very reliable, and are contradicted from Spanish sources. The U. S. squadron maintains the blockade, dropping an occasional shell into the forts. It is said the squadron has been ordered to attack and take San Juan Bautista (the capital and chief port of Puerto Rico) in order to prevent the Spanish fleet getting coal or supplies there. It is also on the look out for the Spanish transport "Alfonso XIII." at present in the Barbadoes, which has on board half a million dollars, 1100 soldiers and a large quantity of provisions, intended for Havana.

A Washington telegram attributes to President McKinley the expression that it is the intention of the United States to destroy forever Spanish rule in America.

Mr. McKinley has proposed to Congress the following list of appointments of Major Generals on active service:—General Fitz Hugh Lee; Joseph (Wael) Deputy for Alabama; James R. Wilson, (Delaware); William J. Sewell (New York); and the military officers Henry C. Merriam, Joseph Breckenridge, Ewell S. Otis (?)

John E. Coppinger, William M. Shafter, William M. Graham and James F. Wade. Twenty six Brigadier Generals are also proposed. The affair of Mr. Ramsden, the British Consul at Santiago de Cuba, seems to be less serious than at first reported. H. M. S. "Pearl" has returned to Port Royal (Jamaica) from Santiago, reporting that Mr. Ramsden has resolved to remain in his post, the local authorities having apologized for the aggression to which he had been subjected, and having given him sufficient protection.

The agitation in Spain continues and gives rise to serious alarm. Martial law has been extended from Madrid to several of the provincial towns. The fidelity of the army to the present dynasty is greatly doubted. The Queen Regent is said to think of abdicating (We doubt it). Despite the precautions of the military, manifestations continue to be held against the Government and in favor of General Weyler. The *Morning Post* publishes the result of a pretended interview with the Queen Regent, but as it is probably fictitious we do not repeat it. The rumored assassination of General Martinez Campo and Foreign Minister Moret is contradicted, as we expected it would be. Probably it was an invention of the *New York Herald*. Hints continue of preparations for European intervention, but the telegrams are entirely contradictory on this head.

The armed steamer "St. Paul" has had to discharge her cargo of coal, a Spanish spy who had enlisted as one of the crew, having been discovered hiding bombs in the coal bunks. He was nearly lynched by the crew. (This is probably fiction.)

Mr. Long, U. S. Secretary of Marine, has reported that his Department already shows a deficit of \$20,975,500, which he asks to be imputed to 1899. (This is incredible after the large extra sums voted for navy and war expenses. More fiction.)

SUNDRIES.

For several days the telegrams have been silent as to the condition of Mr. Gladstone, so it is to be hoped that the immediate danger is passing. The steamers "Trevanion," "Melbourne" and "Lord Kelvin" are all stuck in the mud at the entrance to the port of Buenos Aires. Performances at the Oceanic Circus are momentarily suspended awaiting the arrival of new performers from Buenos Aires.

We are glad to say that the Company at the Solis Theatre has abandoned the Passion Play, and will appear this evening in Calderon's great drama "La Vida es Sueño." The reduction in prices holds good. The Municipality has given authority for the extension of the Paso del Molino tram line to the bridge over the Miguelete within the Prado, as used to be the case years ago. The bread riots in Italy continue on an alarming scale, and a state of siege has been proclaimed in several of the provinces.

The subscription raised by the Spanish Club for the War Fund already exceeds \$100,000. Permission has been given the Municipality to the National Football Association (is this a new Club?) to play on the vacant ground adjoining the Prado. We are glad to state that Mr. Juan Christophersen has completely recovered from his recent severe illness and is once more attending to his business duties.

We quote from the *B. A. Herald*.—Doctor Drago and Doctor Hernandez, the Law Court's medical advisers, have presented their report on the mental condition of Mariano Castillo, who, a month or two ago, held at bay over a dozen policemen at the corner of calles Artes and Cangallo. Castillo's experience on that occasion, when in addition to the shots which were fired by the police, he was obliged to dodge a fusillade which was kept up for several minutes from the surrounding balconies, was in itself sufficient to produce mental derangement. His subsequent experiences at the Police Department, in the Prison Hospital and at the Penitentiary, between which places he has been buffeted round through red-tapeism, to say nothing of the persecutions of the reporters and interviewers, and the repeated medical examinations to which he has been subjected, have suffered to develop an abnormal mental condition, which the above medical men term "a chronic delirium of systematic evolution." They terminate the report by stating that he might develop into a dangerous lunatic and advise that he should be removed from the Penitentiary to the Lunatic Asylum. The Judge acting on this advice, will order his removal at once.

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SEE THE GAS COMPANY'S ADVERTISEMENT ON THE 3rd PAGE.

The partial clearance of the block of houses in front of the Cecil Hotel in the Strand that has now been effected will permit of the central archway being set up, and when this has been accomplished the closing of the side roads into the hotel quadrangle will follow, and the entire demolition of the remainder of the old block will be carried out. It is claimed for the hotel as it now stands that it is the largest in Europe, and, excepting only two in America, it is as large as any in the world. When this front portion comes to be added to it, it will be the largest in the world. America, of course, will not long be content with this humiliating state of things, and the Hotel Cecil will be pretty sure to be superseded somewhere up Klondyke way before the world is much older. There is no finality in hotels more than in fleets and armies.

And you have found Paris charming? said a Paris doctor to two American ladies. Just great, replied the mother. We've been here a fortnight, and we've seen everything and everybody. Then the daughter chimed in: Yes, as ma said yesterday, if we stopped here much longer, we should become regular parasites.

It is curious to note the difference, in public estimation, between great masters of that grandest of all instruments, the organ, and of its somewhat insignificant rival, the piano. To a recital by a celebrated performer on the latter instrument, people rush in enthusiastic crowds, eager to plunk down their dollars for a seat; but as for an organ recital, even by one of the foremost professors of that instrument, people will expect to hear it for nothing, or at most for some trivial charge. On the other hand, the pianists who can command such golden results are few and far between, and there is no resource but teaching for the rank and file, while in England, at all events, many comfortable posts are open to organists of distinction in connection with our cathedrals and municipal corporations, and a great number of small appointments, which are of some help in the struggle for existence. In France, where the church is poor and unendowed, the organist is poorly paid. Men of the first rank, like Guilmant and Gigout, receive only one hundred and twenty pounds a year; while Widor gets even less. Henri Dallery, the organist at St. Eustache, where Batiste used to play gets only eighty pounds; and Gabriel Pierne, at St. Clotilde, just sixty!

LONDON NOTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 7. Yesterday's news with regard to the dispute between and the United States showed a larger balance on the side of peace than has been the case since the crisis became acute. In the afternoon President McKinley made a statement that he had received telegrams from Madrid which made it hopeful that war would be averted and that a solution would be reached satisfactory to the American people. It was not yet safe to speak of this as more than a probability, but the attitude of the Spanish Government gave ground for the expectation that it would yield on vital points. In any case Mr. McKinley will not send his message to Congress before Monday.

A War Correspondent in the Sudan telegraphs that the Anglo-Egyptian army advanced yesterday to Umdiaha, eight miles nearer the Derwish entrenched position at El Hilgi. Some sharp fighting took place on Tuesday on the Athara between the Derwishes and a reconnoitring force under General Hunter, which had advanced to within half a mile of the enemy's position. The Derwishes endeavoured to outflank and surround the force, but were unable to withstand the fire of the Maxims and the attack of the Egyptian cavalry, who twice charged home and finally put the enemy to flight. The Derwishes lost at least 200 killed. The casualties on the Egyptian side were six killed and fourteen wounded.

Many detachments of Volunteers left London yesterday for the various points planned out as the scenes for strategic operations during the Easter holidays. Others which had left town on the previous day resumed their march towards Aldershot and other places.

Advices from a Correspondent in South Wales show that the attitude of the men in their demand for advance in the wage's scale is still of the most determined character. The Conference, which will be held at Cardiff to-day, will decisively formulate their demands, which will be considered by the employers on Saturday. There is now practically no market in Welsh coal, and many industries in which it has been employed are seriously affected, although, as far as possible, other sorts are being used as substitutes.

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Passengers from the P. and O. liner China, which grounded recently in the Gulf of Aden on the homeward voyage from Australia, arrived at Dover yesterday.

Large crowds of sightseers, but only sixteen mourners, attended the funeral of the Claimant yesterday afternoon. There were several thousand persons in and about Shouddhamstreet, Marylebone, where the dead man had lodged, and whence the procession started, the coffin having been brought from the mortuary. There were many groups along Edgware-road, Maida-vale, and Kilburn-High road, while in and around Paddington Cemetery, where the interment took place, nearly 10,000 persons gathered. The coffin plate described the death man as 'Sir Roger Charles Doughty Tichborne,' to which the real baronet, applied to by the undertaker, had made no objection adding, however, that he would do so if a similar claim to the title were made on the tombstone.

Two claims for commission raising singular points were disposed of in the High Courts yesterday. In the first a commercial traveller maintained that although he had left his employers' service he was still entitled to an allowance on business done by them with customers he had introduced. Justices Day and Phillimore decided against the contention. In the other, Miss Marie Collins, the music-hall artist, was sued for ten per cent. commission on her salary for re-engagements at the Oxford Music Hall. The defendant submitted that as the hall had changed hands and been rebuilt since the agreement was entered into it was now void. The Lord Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Channell gave judgment for the plaintiff.

COMMERCIAL

STOCK EXCHANGE.

Montevideo, May 5, 1898. Business was again rather dull. Prices were not so firm today and closed with a slight fall. Sales as follows.

Extraordinary 1897 Loan. \$105,000 at 67.50 to 67, recovering to close at 67.50 cash; end of month 68 to 67.30, closing 67.60. Interior Debt, \$1000 at 49.80. Liquidation Debt, \$12,000 at 75.50. Deferred Debt, \$10,000 at 20.50. Mortgage Bank, 660 shares at 18.70 cash; 13 and 18.90, closing 19, end of month. Treasury Certificates, \$2160 Jan at 92.20; \$2390 Sept. at 96.90; \$2876 Aug. at 97.90. Consolidated Debt, \$178,250 at 45.20 to 45, closing 45.10 cash, and tmw., end of month 45.30, end of June 45.60. No London quotation.

EXCHANGE.

Table with columns for Bank, Commercial, London, Paris, Antwerp, Germany, N. York and exchange rates.

Table with columns for Italy, Spain, Brazil, B. Aires 1 prem. and exchange rates.

Business Notes.

The Custom House paid into the London Bank yesterday \$13901 on account of the Consolidated Debt and Railway guarantee service and \$1699 on account of the 5% Loan service. Gold opened in B. Aires yesterday at 263 and closed at 262.40. Exchange upon London was quoted in Rio Janeiro yesterday at 5 26/32 to 3/4 d. per milreis. London, 5. Wheat rising rapidly again. Santa Fé to 47s-9d and Entre Rios to 48s, 9d, Linseed 38s. Maize 23s—Antwerp. Entre Rios wheat 28.25 francs, Santa Fé 27.75 to 27.25, for May; mixed 28.75 francs, maize 17.875. Market uneasy. Wheat much busier today, owing to the rise in Europe. For export, 25,000 bags sold at \$4.40, 4.50 and 4.55, closing with buyers at the last figure, all with bag. For consumption 10,000 bags sold at 4.20, 4.25, 4.40 and 4.50 without bag, sellers asking 4.60 at close. Maize quiet at \$1.65 and 1.70. Wheat first 70 to 72 cents per 10 kilos with bag.

Saladero Killings.

Table with columns for Name, Total to date, and Saladero Killings.

Same period 1897. 1896. Prices, Bueyes \$ 15 to 17.50. Novillos, 12.50 to 19.50. Vacas 10 to 10.50.

Buenos Aires, May 5, 1898.

Gold, cash, 263.70. Do. end of month, 265.50. Cédulas G. Nacionales, cash, 85. Cédulas 8%, Provinciales, 17.50. Certificados Banco de la Provincia, cash, 39.50. Consolidada de Santa Fé, 1886, cash, 42. Muelle Catalinas, cash, 5.50. The «Eolo», «Paris» and «Tridente» sail.

MARITIME

ARRIVALS AND SAILINGS.

Montevideo, May 5, 1898. Str. Saturno from Asuncion, 99 pass. Str. Labrador from Salto, 8 pass. Str. Wolfsburg from B. Aires, for Bremen. Str. Neko from Valparaiso, 3 pass. for Hamburg. Str. Rimutaka from Wallington, 8 pass. Str. Sheikh from B. Aires, for Dunkirk.

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The Ring of Tarsel.

(A SHORT STORY)

(Conclusion)

"Do you mean to say this is really only glass?" "That is all. I made it in obedience to orders from this gentleman and another. I delivered them both to the other."

"I gave no such order!" cried poor Gerard. "Hawkins did all the talking, and as I can't understand the beastly lingo, I took it for granted that he was just saying what I asked him to."

"He'll have sold it long ago, the blackguard!" exclaimed Charlie. "Pardon me," put in Cohen, "was your friend staying at the 'Victoria'?"

"Yes." "You go and ask Monsieur Rey at the 'Victoria.' I think he may tell you something about it, for he brought the other in to me to be valued."

From Cohen's the young men went up to the "Victoria." The landlord, after a few precautionary questions as to the object of the enquiry, stated that Hawkins had not paid his bill for some weeks; that upon his departure he had brought the original of the glass jewel show, and had instructed him—the landlord—to keep it for a fortnight, and then, if at the end of that time he should not have returned to Monte Carlo, the landlord was to sell the stone, repay himself out of the proceeds, and remit the balance to an address in London.

"Then you have the stone?" exclaimed the young man joyously.

"I have." "Good news! Good news!" shouted Gerald. "Depend on it, I won't let it go back to Lagnet!"

"Well, landlord," said Charlie. "I want you to do me the favour of telephoning to me at the Casino directly Mr. Hawkins comes to claim the ring, and not to deliver it until I am in the hotel."

"I will gladly," replied the landlord. "It is a thing I never do, take pledges for payment. This is the first and the last time."

"And above all," added Charlie, "if the rascal doesn't come, please communicate with me before disposing of the stone."

The landlord promised, and the young men went off to celebrate this lucky discovery in a suitable and— for them—extravagant way.

At the same time, all depended upon Hawkins' return to Monte Carlo. It was probable that he would, but if he did not, the landlord might with perfect reason decline to deliver up the stone to two strangers, about whom he knew nothing, and who, despite their plausible tale about the affair at Lagnet, might have a less claim to the stone than Hawkins. It would be his duty in accordance with arrangement to sell the stone, repay himself out of the proceeds, and remit the balance. All that then could be done would be to buy the stone at Mr. Cohen's price, and this poor old Mr. Tarsel could not do without much inconvenience. It may be imagined, therefore, with what anxiety the two young men kept their watch at the railway station, and, in case Hawkins should somehow arrive without their knowing it, held themselves in constant readiness to be summoned to the hotel by telephone.

But on the very next evening, Mr. Alfred Hawkins, very spick-and-span and with the air of the most unclouded independence, lounged into the "Victoria Hotel."

The clerk instantly telephoned for Charlie.

"Back again!" said Hawkins cheerily, "and back to better luck, I hope. Just in time to redeem my ruby, eh?"

"Just in time, sir."

"Well, let's start fair. What do I owe you?"

"Two thousand francs, sir."

"Well, there you are. And the ruby?"

The clerk had to go for the landlord, and the landlord, when found, was a long time playing with keys, and safes, and tin boxes, until just as Charlie and Gerard came up the steps of the hotel, he brought out the stone.

"Thanks, awfully. Fine bit, ain't it?" drawled Hawkins.

A movement at his side made him look round; he turned deadly pale, and uttered an imprecation when he saw Charlie and Gerard.

"Hallo!" exclaimed the former, as calmly as his intense agitation would allow. "You've found the ring, have you—or rather the stone? That is lucky; come along and enjoy the pleasure of returning it to its owner."

At first Hawkins thought he would play a game of bluff, but not knowing what might be backing his opponents up, he deemed it prudent to be affable and even cheery with them. "Gerard owes you five hundred. The governor will square with you. Come along," Charlie went on, and taking the stone up unopposed, put it in his pocket, and led the way out.

Hawkins stood like a brat at bay, and made no attempt to follow the young men, who, after waiting a few minutes, hurried off to Roquebrune triumphant and joyful.

Of the delight of the old gentleman and Lise nothing need be said, but when the girl returned from the customary evening stroll with her lover, it was this time on his arm,

and with her pretty face illumined by no ordinarily joyous light.

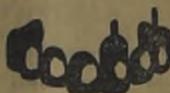
Hawkins was seen no more, not even to claim Gerard's debt, but Mr. Tarsel sent it to him, and left immediately for England, whence he swore never to roam again, and with the Ring of Tarsel never to be parted more.

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