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MONTEVIDEO, JUNE 13, 1889.

LETTERS FROM ENGLAND.

The postal arrangements in the Uruguayan Republic seem to be fairly well managed.

It is not the fault of the Post Office here if we get letters and papers of one date, sometimes only 21 days from London and subsequently papers and letters of from 10 to 15 days earlier.

The London Post Office is so managed that every letter posted is sent by the very next steamer, unless a particular route is specified, whatever the day, whether by Lisbon, which is the quickest mail, or takes a round by Pernambuco and Rio Janeiro.

Regular lines of steamers which would come direct, touching only for coal at St Vincent or Las Palmas would be a great boon.

The uncertainty of when an answer can be received from Europe to a letter written from Montevideo or vice-versa makes an enormous inconvenience both for business and social correspondence.

If it was possible to have a weekly mail direct, it would make a certainty of what is now a very great uncertainty.

If it was certain that writing to London say on the 1st June that the letter would be delivered there on the 21st or 22nd June, and that an answer to that letter if posted in London by 25th June, would arrive here on the 15th or 16th of July, personally it would be an inestimable advantage.

We have received an answer to letters written from here to London and back in 45 days, but by a mere chance, what we should like to see would be that the Great Steam shipping companies should reduce this time for the return mails to a certainty.

There is no doubt that the time is coming if it has not arrived already when a direct weekly service will pay. And both ways. The details of arrangement should be well understood by those interested, but the quicker and more regular the mail service is done between Europe and the Uruguayan Republic, the greater will be the intimacy and the knowledge of this country and the larger the traffic between them. This may be almost termed a law of nature.

Such a direct weekly service may possibly not show great advantages at the immediate start, but the ultimate result would undoubtedly be a success.

Quick communication, for people and for letters and newspapers are everything in modern life, and especially colonial life, where home ties are infinitely more thought of than when friends are within range. Who cares a bit for letters from our best friends when close at hand but a scrap here is worth dozens of sheets when 7000 miles of water is between the correspondents.

Stalls are instituted for business purposes so the more regular they are the better, it is the irregularity we complain of.

Papers and letters will come, sometimes quickly and oftener slowly, but in a fortnight receipts you may have a fortnight's despatches, receiving the latest

first and the earliest last, from which results confusion.

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The ordinary general meeting of this company was held at Winchester House, Old Broadstreet, under the presidency of Mr. W. S. Andrews.

The report stated that the total earnings for the past half year amounted to £112,250, and the expenditure to £31,220. The directors recommended the payment of a final dividend at the rate of 9s. per share on the ordinary shares, making with the dividend paid in November last, five per cent. for the year.

The Chairman congratulated the shareholders on the very large increase in the revenue during the half year. On April 1 a considerable reduction was effected in the rates between this country and Brazil, in order, in the first place, to develop communications and also to satisfy their customers.

The directors had hoped that by the time the meeting was held they would have been enabled to tell the shareholders something as to the effect of the reduction in the tariff, but most unfortunately some of their lines broke down on March 21 and April 15. All the lines were repaired and "through" on May 11, but as that was so recent, it was impossible for him to calculate what share of the loss in receipts had been occasioned by the interruption in the traffic, and what share was due to the reduced tariff.

The directors had no means of arriving at a conclusion, but they were confident that if the losses had been laid down they would have been in the enjoyment of a full amount of revenue. There was no doubt that certainly of communication with these loop cables tended to keep a large trade, and to develop it. The report was adopted.

BASE BALL.

On Thursday of last week the first game of base ball was played by the Richmond's team against the Buenos Aires Club, resulting in the easy defeat of the latter by a score of 24 to 4 in five innings.

The good work of Reiter behind the bat won the applause of all lookers on, while the manner in which Franklin sent the balls from the box left very little work for the fielders, who were disappointed at not having a chance to distinguish themselves in the field.

But from the way the work was done by those who had it to do there is no doubt that each position was filled by the right man, and our nine congratulates itself upon having for a manager C. W. Myers, the scribe, whose judgement in all matters of sport is never disputed.

At the earnest request of both clubs Lieutenant J. M. Robinson, U. S. N., officiated as umpire, and with his thorough knowledge of the game, his quick perception and clear and accurate judgement, the satisfaction of both sides was perfect. Following is the score by innings:—

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1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th

Fitzhenry, Daniel, cf 1 0 0 1 1 3

Bennett, C. O., lb 1 0 0 1 1 3

Golden, James, ss 1 0 0 1 1 3

Cooper, C. J., rf 1 0 0 1 1 3

Mahoney, Patrick, 3b 1 0 0 1 1 4

Stoetzel, Harry, lb 1 0 0 1 1 4

Padgett, J. C., 2b 1 0 0 1 0 3

Reiter, Henry, c 0 0 0 1 0 3

Franklin, Charles, p 0 0 0 1 0 1

6 4 0 8 0 24

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Woodruff, F. D., lb 1 0 0 0 0 1

Meeker, J. P., c 0 0 0 0 0 0

Close, P. F., 2b 1 0 0 0 0 1

Thomas, D. B., 3b 0 0 0 0 1 1

McNally, J. B., rf 0 0 0 0 0 0

Ames, P. A., cf 0 0 0 0 0 0

Carman, Fred, lf 0 1 0 0 0 1

Easto, E. C., ss 0 0 0 0 0 0

McNally, G. p 0 0 0 0 0 0

2 1 0 0 1 4

The Squadron Clipper.

MADAME PATTI NICOLINI.

Patti sang "The Last Rose of Summer" and "Home, Sweet Home," in the Opera of "Linda di Chamounix," on Saturday night.

There was a large attendance of English people who were attracted by the promise of these songs from the famous singer, and well were they repaid for the trouble and the cost. Never before had any of them heard Patti sing them. The memory will remain a mental picture of perfection. We repeat ourselves when we say this, as we very well know that we can find no other words to express our appreciation of the marvellous matchless powers of this Queen of Art and Song.

It is absurd to pretend to detect any falling off of her power, for no man can detect such a sign in her singing. Paris made a critical test last season when she sang Romeo and Juliet, but the sharpest critics there assembled, from all over the musical world, acknowledged as much, and we find her fully equal to her best efforts of 20 years ago. Cicchi deserves all honour and success for his enterprise in getting her to return to Buenos Aires. When she leaves us she will electrify New York and Chicago which are both waiting with interest for her coming.—B. A. Herald.

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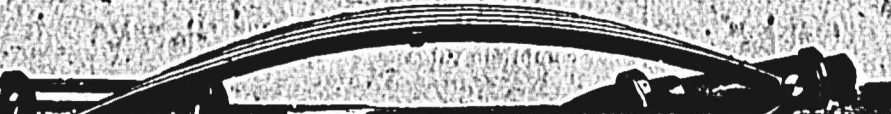
Buenos Aires, June 11th.

The sensation of the day is the run upon the National Bank for conversion

of the notes of the Cordoba Bank; when I say conversion, I do not mean that the notes can be converted into good honest gold, except at a ruinous premium, they are simply changed, for notes issued by the Inspecting Office of Banks. The excuse of the run, is the discovery that a large number of forged notes are in circulation, forgers have been made easy in this instance, for the paper used for the Cordoba notes was of the lowest quality and the lithographing was consequently inferior, and easy to imitate. This was not the fault of the printers. Messrs. Mackinnon and McLean but of the Bank Directors, who were so eager to satisfy the cravings of the hungry political friends of the Government that they would not wait for proper paper to be obtained, but used the vile stuff ready to hand for launching their twenty-five millions of promises to pay. You will scarcely believe me when I tell you that notwithstanding the clear proof that the inferior quality of the paper and lithographing of the notes has facilitated the forgery, a further issue of the same is now being made, and the only difference between the new and the old notes will be that the former will be issued by the Inspecting Office and will bear on them the notice that they are guaranteed by the deposit of National Bonds.

The extent of the guarantee thus afforded does not appear to be correctly understood, and even the Buenos Aires Herald which is usually right on financial questions, and which in an article published just after the passing of the law of Guaranteed Banks (November 1887) accurately predicted the consequences which would result from the law, has recently fallen into the error equally with the leading Argentine newspapers, that the notes issued by the Inspecting Office of Banks are absolutely guaranteed by the Nation. That this is an error has been clearly demonstrated by a correspondent of the Herald, but the editor of that newspaper persists in his assertion that the notes issued to the Banks under the said law have a national guarantee just the same as the notes issued to the Free Banks in the United States. There is however a wide distinction between the two cases, though even in the United States

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