

BRITISH POLITICS.

Queen Victoria's Speech at the Opening of Parliament.

RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN POWERS REMAIN FRIENDLY.

An Agreement Concluded With France for the Settlement of Frontier Disputes—Hopes to Bring About Peace Between China and Japan—Bills Which the Government Will Submit to Parliament.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The fourth session of the Thirtieth Parliament opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The Queen's speech was as follows:

"My Lords and Gentlemen: My relations with foreign powers remain friendly and on a satisfactory footing. An agreement has been concluded, after protracted negotiations between my Government and that of the French Republic, for the settlement of the frontier between my colony, Sierra Leone, and the neighboring French possessions."

"I regret to say that war between China and Japan still continues. I have maintained a close and cordial understanding with the powers interested in these regions and I shall lose no favorable opportunity of promoting peace and a termination of the contest."

"In consequence of the reports which reached my government of the excesses committed by the Turkish troops, regular or irregular, on the Armenians in the district of Asia Minor, I thought it right, in conjunction with other powers, to make representations to the Porte. The Sultan has declared his intention of severely punishing any of his officers or soldiers who have been guilty of such acts and has sent a commission to conduct an investigation on the spot. Delegates from the powers which have Consuls at Erzeroum will accompany this commission."

"I am happy to observe the striking fact that in Ireland offenses of all kinds against the law have sunk during the past year to the lowest level ever marked in the official records."

"Proposals will be submitted you for remedying the defects which experience has brought to light in the working of the law of land and tenancy in Ireland, and for dealing with certain evicted tenants whose situation still constitutes a peril to social order."

"A bill will be presented to you dealing with the church establishment of Wales. Bills will also be submitted for the popular control of the liquor traffic and the abolition of plural voting and a provision for the payment of the charges of returning officers in elections. There will be bills for the unification of London and for facilitating the construction of light railways, which I trust will be in every district, in view of the agricultural depression, and a bill for the promotion and conciliation in trade disputes and an amendment to the factory accounts; also, a bill for the completion of the system of county government for Scotland and for the further legislation for crofters will be submitted to you."

"In the House of Lords formal business was resumed at the same hour as in the House of Commons. The Prince of Wales and Duke of York were seated on the cross benches. The attendance was large and the galleries crowded by peacocks and their friends."

"Business was resumed in the House at 4 o'clock, with the swearing in of new members, etc. The party leaders were cheered on taking their seats. The various Ministers gave notice that they would introduce on Thursday next different bills mentioned in the Queen's speech."

WAR IN THE ORIENT.

The Japanese Continue Their Attack on Lui Tung Kau Island.

HIROSHIMA, Feb. 5.—Up to noon yesterday the Chinese still held the forts on Lui Tung Kau Island. The Japanese attack continues.

CREDENTIALS OF THE PEACE ENVOYS. LONDON, Feb. 5.—A dispatch to the Times from Yokohama says that the text of the credentials of the Chinese Peace Envoys, with whom Japan refused to treat, on account of the insufficiency of their powers, was as follows:

"By decree we appoint you our plenipotentiaries to meet and negotiate the matter with the plenipotentiaries appointed by Japan. You will, however, telegraph to the Tsing Li Yamen (the Chinese Foreign Office) for the purpose of obtaining our commands, by which you will abide. You will conduct your mission in a faithful and diligent manner, and fulfill the trust reposed in you. Respect this."

Dispatch from Peking says that the capture of the forts at Wai-Hai-Vei has made a deeper impression upon the Chinese than the fall of Port Arthur. The dispatch adds that the reported refusal of Japan to treat with the Chinese envoys confirms the belief expressed in Peking that the Japanese are not willing to name their terms of peace.

Combined Attack on Kaffirs. LISBON, Feb. 5.—Official dispatches received to-day from Lourenco Marquez, Delagoa Bay, say that as a result of the fighting on Incomati River on January 1st, Portuguese captured Anguine and Maxaquene, and that on February 2d the natives returned and surprised the Portuguese, but were repulsed. The Portuguese loss was four killed and wounded. The Portuguese and friendly natives yesterday commenced a combined attack on the Kaffirs.

Newfoundland Ministry Crisis. ST. JOHN'S (N. F.), Feb. 5.—Sir William Whiteway has not yet succeeded in forming a Ministry. Messrs. Fox, Jackman, Dunphy and Geslue are slated to retire from office to-morrow to make places for Messrs. Morris, Bond, Emerson and Tiesjes, who refuse to withdraw without being given an equivalent for resigning. The uncertainty is having a very depressing effect on business and financial circles.

The Situation Unchanged. CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 5.—There was no change in the situation to-day, and the Government has not given out any information. While the city is full of all kinds of rumors as to war, nothing authentic can be learned. To-day is a national holiday, and feasts are in full swing in Tacuabau.

Spain and the United States. MADRID, Feb. 5.—The Queen has signed and the Official Gazette will to-morrow publish the commercial *modus vivendi* agreed on by Spain and the United States. The *modus vivendi*, which affects trade between the Antilles and America, will go into effect forthwith.

Earthquakes and an Avalanche. CHRISTIANA (Norway), Feb. 5.—Dispatches from Molde, Aalsund, Bergen and Christiansund report earthquakes between 12:15 and 12:45 this morning. The damage was not great. To-day is a national holiday, and feasts are in full swing in Tacuabau.

Rebels Defeated. COLON (Colombia), Feb. 5.—General Reyes, with 3,000 Government troops, recently attacked and defeated the rebels at Honda. General Aldano and ninety rebels were killed.

Conspiracy Against the Government. RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 5.—It is rumored that a conspiracy of five-ists against the Government has been discovered and that martial law will be proclaimed.

YOLO TRAIN ROBBERY.

Rumor of the Arrest of a Suspect in San Francisco.

It was rumored yesterday that J. M. Kinsner, formerly a brakeman in the employ of the Southern Pacific Company, had been arrested in San Francisco on a charge of complicity in the train robbery that took place between Davisville and Washington on the 11th of October last, when the robbers got away with some \$50,000 of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s money.

At the time of the strike Kinsner left the employ of the company, and up to a few days ago had been engaged in conducting a small milk ranch in the vicinity of Washington. He always appeared to be well supplied with money and dressed handsomely, and has long been regarded with suspicion by the express company's railroad officers.

About a month ago he separated from his wife, and it is reported that she had said she would handle some of the money that her husband had in his possession, or would cause him serious trouble.

Last week Kinsner disposed of his milk route, and stating that it was his intention to go to San Francisco, he disappeared. His wife has since been residing with her father in this city.

Her mother stated yesterday that Kinsner had treated her daughter brutally; that about a month ago he beat her black and blue, and threw her out of the house. She disclaimed any knowledge of his arrest, however.

Several railroad officials were interviewed, and professed ignorance of Kinsner's arrest, but admitted that there might be some truth in the report, although they thought it more than probable that if he had been taken into custody it was on the charge of complicity in obstructing United States mails.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS.

Their Reception to Chief P. M. Arthur Last Evening.

A strictly informal reception was tendered last evening to P. M. Arthur, Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, by the members of Pacific Division, No. 110, of this city, at Foresters' Hall.

The evening was passed in social chat, and considerable information was derived by the local members as to the standing of the brotherhood in various Eastern localities. Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the organization were present and provided refreshment.

In conversation with a RECORD-UNION reporter, Chief Arthur said: "My visit to Sacramento is purely of a social nature and without any connection with the affairs of the brotherhood, whatever. I came simply to visit my nephew, A. J. Van Zandt, who resides here, and the Brothers have tendered me this reception that I might have the pleasure of getting acquainted with them and their wives."

"No, I have nothing to give to the press on the results of my mission to the coast, for as yet no definite decision has been arrived at."

When asked if there was any likelihood of a strike occurring on the part of the members here of the brotherhood, as certain San Francisco papers had alleged, Chief Arthur laughed heartily and answered: "I cannot conceive how such a ridiculous rumor ever became current, but I suppose that, like this lie, it was carried on the breeze."

THE CITY'S SANITARY CONDITION.

Matters Considered by the Board of Health.

A Supply of Anti-Toxine for the Treatment of Diphtheria to be Purchased—Reports.

The City Board of Health met last evening, Drs. Wiard, Waggoner, H. L. Nichols and J. H. Parkinson being present, also City Trustee Lawton.

Health Officer Fowler reported thirty-eight deaths during January. Thirty-five were white persons, one colored, and two Chinamen. Twenty-five were males and thirteen females. There were only two deaths from contagious diseases during the month. Seventeen births were reported—ten males and seven females.

Dr. Fowler also reported that the number of patients treated at the Receiving Hospital during January was seven; outside patients treated, twenty-one.

OTHER REPORTS. Assistant City Physician George W. Ogden reported that he had treated 434 patients. Three hundred and eighty-four were treated at the City Dispensary, thirty were treated on the outside, and twenty at the County Jail. Thirty-four burial permits and seven permits for the removal of bodies were issued.

Plumbing Inspector V. J. Tolley reported the various number of inspections made during the month, tap connections, and other duties performed. He reported that he had sworn to a complaint against Z. F. Wharton for violating the ordinance prohibiting any person attaching a service pipe, through which water is to be supplied by the city, to any other pipe other than to the water mains.

The monthly report of Sanitary and Building Inspector G. W. Herr was also read, and placed on file.

ANTI-TOXINE TO BE PURCHASED. A communication from Dr. T. W. Huntington, a member of the board, to Mayor Steinman, regarding the use of anti-toxine, was read by the Secretary, Dr. Huntington is present in New York, where he has investigated the toxin. He states that it has received the indorsement of those in authority in New York City. As a member of the Board of Health of this city he recommended that a supply of the material be obtained and placed at the disposal of the Health Officer. He recommended that \$50 be devoted for the purchase of the first supply.

Dr. Waggoner recommended the purchase of the anti-toxine. Dr. Wiard said he was in favor of \$50 worth being purchased by the city. That amount would most likely be used in one case, and if its application saved a life more of it should be purchased.

Dr. Nichols said he is not an enthusiast in the success of the material, but if it proved successful in its application he would be in favor of more of it being purchased.

On motion of Dr. Wiard the board recommended the purchase of \$50 worth of the anti-toxine by the City Trustees.

CEMETERY RECORDS. Secretary Fowler called the attention of the board to the provision of the city charter designating the Board of Health as the custodian of the records of the city's cemeteries.

On motion of Dr. Parkinson the Secretary and Dr. Nichols were appointed a committee to investigate the matter and report to the board what books are required to complete the records and how they shall be prepared.

OUR CLIMATE TO BE INVESTIGATED. A communication was read from the Chief of the United States Weather Bureau stating that the Secretary of Agriculture, through the medium of the Weather Bureau, has decided to undertake the systematic investigation of the subject of climate and its influence on health and disease.

The study of the climates of the country in connection with the indigenous diseases, the communication states, should be of material service to every community, in showing to what degree local climatic peculiarities may favor or combat the development of the different diseases, and by suggesting, in many instances, supplementary sanitary measures. The hearty co-operation of the various Boards of Health and other simi-

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ABSOLUTELY PURE

QUITE A GENTLE GLOVE MATCH.

Henry Rubenstein and Jack Hardwick Fight a Draw.

Ten Rounds of Scientific Sparring Between Two Very Clever Bantam Weights.

About three hundred persons assembled at Armory Hall last night to see Henry Rubenstein of this city and Jack Hardwick of England punch one another with big gloves for the coast bantam championship, and whatever else there was in it, although a \$250 trophy was announced as the prize.

There were several preliminary bouts between local sparrers, and it was 10 o'clock when "the event of the evening" was started. Rubenstein was a shade taller of the pair, and weighed about 110 pounds. Hardwick was much the stouter built, and looked as if he would tip the scales at 120.

Police Captain Greene read the law on prize-fighting for the information of all concerned, and said that if there was a knockout, or any unnecessary display of brutality, either party would follow. The laws observed the law up to the verge of transgressing its provisions, and put up a very scientific and pretty battle for ten rounds, the limit fixed upon.

Rubenstein was perhaps the cleverer of the two, and landed the most blows, but Hardwick was the aggressor. He is a powerful young fellow and handled his opponent suspiciously like a professional who had been in many a hard battle of some wicked drives for the little barber, and if the latter had not been as quick as a cat and clever he would have been his own sleeper.

Rubenstein got in any number of blows on his adversary's face, and did some good upper-cutting, but he had not the pushing power to do much harm. The blows that drew most attention were round, when the local man missed his glove on Hardwick's nose and drew the chair.

Both were quite fresh at the end of the ten rounds, although they had kept steadily at work throughout. The judges held a consultation and decided that they could do no better than declare it a draw. Opinions varied widely on the decision. Some thought Rubenstein was the winner, and the decision, and others were equally certain that Hardwick was entitled to it. Had it been a finish fight, with no stoppage strings on the men, Hardwick would probably have won, as he proved himself to be "a glutton for punishment," as the ringsters put it, and his blows are of the pile-driver order.

At his own weight, Rubenstein can probably hold his own with most any of the first-class boxers, but he is too lightly built to be a hard puncher, and should draw the line against men heavier than himself.

A couple of years ago Rubenstein represented the Sacramento Athletic Club in the bantam class at the San Francisco Olympic Club's boxing tournament, and easily won the coast amateur championship. There are few amateurs of his weight who outclass him, but if he enters the professional ring—as it is said he contemplates doing—he will have to meet with a different class of men, who are not only heavier, but also more powerful.

Nobody here knows Hardwick, but the impression prevails that his experience has not been confined to tapping matches among amateurs.

POLITICAL RUMORS.

Some That Were Flying About the Hotels Last Night.

It was rumored at a late hour last night that contestant Reynolds, the defeated Democratic candidate in the Forty-second Assembly District in San Francisco, was insisting on the opening of the ballot in his district, and that friends of Mr. Ester were in hopes that it would be done and that sufficient fraud would be unearthed to make it appear that he had been elected Governor.

It was also rumored that W. W. Foote and Lawyer Coogan were here for the purpose of preventing, if possible, the opening of the ballots. They stated, however, that they are here on entirely different business.

AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

Consideration of the Sacramento Drainage District Bill.

The Senate Committee on Public Swamp and Overflowed Lands will, on the evening of the 11th, hold a meeting to consider the Sacramento Valley drainage district bill. All interested parties are invited to be present.

As Sacramento City is largely interested in this bill, it might be well to call a public meeting prior to Monday, and appoint a committee to appear before the Senate committee in regard to the matter. Representatives from the reclaimed swamp lands down the river should be present also.

A BARN BURNED.

Word was received by Coroner Miller from Arno last evening that on Monday night a barn in that vicinity was burned, and that an unknown man who was sleeping therein was burned to death.

The coroner sent word to a Justice of the Peace at Arno to take possession of the body and hold an inquest. No further particulars were received.

BRIEF NOTES.

C. Kellogg, N. S. Nichols and W. T. Crowell, appraisers of the estate of H. Strong, deceased, have appraised the estate at \$999.50.

Union Lodge, No. 21, A. O. U. W., has elected J. H. Coyle, James Peart, Jess Judd, D. H. Macdonald and J. C. White as representatives to the Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W., which meets at Los Angeles on the 2d of April next.

Suit for the Cost of a Dredger. The suit of William Gutenberg against W. A. Caswell for the recovery of \$142 alleged to be due on the payment for a dredger constructed by the plaintiff was on trial in Justice Henry's court yesterday. The dredger was constructed for the purpose of searching the bed of the river some distance up the stream for gold. Sometime afterward operations ceased, and the project was entirely abandoned. The trial is not yet finished.

Prisoners En Route. Joseph Hooy, sentenced to seven years' imprisonment for attempting to rescue a prisoner by throwing pepper in the eyes of the officer who had him in charge, and Charles Myrtle, sentenced to four years for an attempt at burglary, were being held in the City Prison last night by Deputy Sheriff Riley of San Francisco, en route to Folsom.

Chinaman Found Dead. Word was received at the Coroner's office last night that the dead body of a Chinaman had been found in a small cabin on Morris Cotton's ranch, in the vicinity of Sheldon, near Elk Grove.

It was thought from the appearance of the body that the man had been dead at least three days. Deputy Coroner Fenton will hold an inquest this morning.

In Great Britain women vote for all elective officers except members of Parliament.

THE NONPAREIL.



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GOING HOME TO DIE. Robert Lylo Has Been Pardoned from San Quentin.

Governor Budd yesterday signed the pardon of a convict named Robert Lylo, who was sentenced to San Quentin in February, 1894, from Contra Costa county, to serve a sentence of twenty years for the crime of murder in the second degree. The prisoner is dying of consumption, and has but a few days to live. He has served eleven years of his sentence, and during the past two years has been a constant inmate of the prison hospital. He has a wife and a large family, who naturally desire that he should not fill a felon's grave.

Owing to the state of his health, which has been certified to both by the Warden and the Resident Physician of the prison, also to the fact that he had always borne an exemplary character, and was convicted only after a third trial, he will be allowed to pass the remainder of his span of life outside the prison walls.

AMUSEMENTS.

E. D. Shaw, an old-time newspaper man, and at present the business manager of the Calhoun Opera Company, was in this city yesterday paying the way for the coming of his company in those most beautiful of comic operas, "Sail Pasha" and "Black Hussar."

At the Clunie Opera-house the thrilling spectacular drama, "Vendetta," will be repeated. The convict march, the explosion in the prison wall, the collision at sea and the rescue are features full of stirring dramatic interest. The assumption of the part of Gaston by Mr. Runstrong is one of the best works of that competent actor. His mannerisms quite disappear in this play, and the actor is lost in the part created.

Miss Gertrude Carley-Auld's concert drew a very large audience to the Congregational Church last evening. The programme was a good one. The vocal quartets alone failed to have warm commendation. This was due to the simple fact that the beneficiary's voice is not, in its delicacy, best adapted to use in a mixed quartet. While it maintains itself, there is wanting that robust vigor which is essential in a soprano singing under such conditions. Miss Carley-Auld has not sung better here at any time. The exquisite delicacy of her voice, her fine style and admirable management; her precision of attack and freedom from mannerisms; her charming repose of manner, all combined to make her a delightful singer for such an auditorium as this hall. Her voice is quite indescribable. Not robust, not even to be reckoned as strong, nevertheless its peculiar volume fills the hall, and she is heard distinctly in its remotest part. Its soft resonance, its bird-like penetration of tone, its rippling, liquid and silvery character, the ease of its delivery and the phenomenal piano effects of which it is capable in high register, make it one of the most peculiar and charming of voices. Her songs last evening were "Love's Nocturn" and the "Staccato Polka," in

the last of which she took and held high F with perfect ease. Mrs. Le Sage, the Southern California contralto, made an excellent impression. She has a strong, resonant, melodious and flexible voice. It is lacking in warmth of expression, perhaps, but that it grows in favor in this respect with more hearing is unquestioned. She sings with taste, ease and a refined judgment. She had very cordial indorsement on her first appearance here. Messrs. Crocker and Coin sang with their usual favor. These two voices grow in the affections of our music lovers. That they do not tire of hearing them is the best evidence of their musical value. In the "Miserere" Mr. Coin's tenor was heard to the best advantage and he secured a real triumph. Miss Auld sang in this duet with her sister, Mrs. Moeller at the grand organ and Mrs. C. A. Neale at the piano. The latter was accompanist of the evening and one whose skill and good taste was never more prominent or more heartily recognized. The double number for two pianos, four hands at each, was a brilliant thing. Its contrast was marked and excellently chosen with Schubert's "Serenade" for one and Korwalski's "Hungarian March" for the other music color. Mrs. Albert Elkus, Mrs. R. H. Hawley, Mrs. C. A. Neale and Miss Lillie Evans were the players. In precision, vigor and fine taste they really left nothing wanting—it was a number in execution fit to challenge the largest and most cold body of critics of the music art. The concert was a pronounced success and greatly pleased a very critical audience. It is to be hoped that it netted Miss Auld sufficient to counterbalance her bad luck with stormy weather in her southern concert tour and to enable her to return to Paris to resume her studies.

Arpad Bauer, manager for Scheel's famous orchestra, is here from San Francisco to make arrangements for a grand concert and probably a matinee.

The subject to be considered at the meeting of the Unity Club at Steinyard Hall, Ninth and J streets, this evening, will be "Socialism."

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