

LONDON'S BUSY SEASON.

MANY PHASES OF ACTIVITY IN THE BRITISH CAPITAL.

EARL RUSSELL'S TRIAL—INCENSE AT CORONATION—PLAYS.

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London, July 2, 1 a. m.—The week has opened with a series of varied functions illustrating the manifold phases of life in the imperial capital.

The King has received and decorated a new Bishop of Oxford, the Lord Mayor has entertained at luncheon a white-robed Moorish Ambassador, the House of Lords has brought the procedure in the trial of Earl Russell to another stage.

Lord Strathcona has presided at a Dominion Day dinner, Jean le Bloch has delivered a critical lecture on the South African war, and Sir Henry Irving and Sarah Bernhardt have appeared in "Louis XI" and in "Camille" respectively.

Among these functions, the most unusual one was the report from a select committee on the trial of Earl Russell.

The order followed in the trial of Lord Cardigan was closely imitated, the Lord Chancellor moving that Lord Shand be added to the committee.

The Royal Gallery in which Lord Russell will be tried on July 18 is one of the finest rooms in the precincts of the House of Lords.

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A GIFT TO BRITISH NAVY.

THE HOSPITAL SHIP MAINE PRESENTED TO THE ADMIRALTY.

London, July 1.—The Earl of Selborne, First Lord of the Admiralty, announced in the House of Lords to-day that he had great gratification in informing the House that the hospital ship Maine, which was fitted out by a committee of American women for the use of the wounded and sick in South Africa, and which later was sent to Taku, where she took on board wounded and sick men of various nationalities, had been presented to the British navy and accepted.

The Earl of Selborne read a letter from Bernard Baker, president of the Atlantic Transport Company, offering the ship, and also read the government's reply, accepting the ship.

Lord Spencer concurred. He said they all appreciated the gift very highly, not only on account of the ship herself, but as a sign of the cordial relations and good feeling existing between the United States and Great Britain.

The hospital ship Maine originally was loaned by the Atlantic Transport Company, through its president, Bernard Baker, of Baltimore, to a committee of American women, prominent among whom was Lady Randolph Churchill, now Mrs. George Cornwallis-West, who fitted the vessel up as a modern hospital ship, placed her in charge of American doctors and nurses, and sent her to Cape Town and Durban to care for the wounded and sick in the South African war.

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CITY TAXES TO BE HIGHER.

ASSESSMENTS AND TAX RATE INCREASED BY TAMMANY.

THE LATTER JUMPS ABOUT SIX POINTS—VALUATIONS LARGER BY \$13,502,075—FEETNER BLAMES THE LEGISLATURE.

In spite of largely increased valuations in all the boroughs the tax rate this year will be about \$2.30 on every \$100 of assessed valuation, as against \$2.24 last year.

The tax books were taken from the Stewart Building to the City Library in the City Hall yesterday. There they will be open for inspection for fifteen days.

President Feitner thinks that the new tax rate will be less than \$2.35 on the \$100 of valuation, but the exact figure cannot be ascertained until the Controller certifies to the amount to be added to the city budget for deficiencies.

We desire to call attention to the legislation which affects the valuations for this year.

First—Chapter 12, being an act to amend the law in relation to taxation of trust companies.

Second—An act to amend subdivision fourteen of section four of chapter 96 of the Laws of 1898, entitled "An Act Relating to Taxation, Constituting the personal property of the estate of a decedent, company or association transacting the business of fire or marine insurance equal in value to the sum of the unearned premiums upon policies not yet expired as required by the laws of this State or the regulations of the State Department, which struck off an assessable value of \$20,000, and which amendment to the law was passed by the legislature in 1900.

It is expected that the amount of money to be raised by taxation this year will exceed \$89,000,000, as against \$82,000,000 last year.

A number of Tammany politicians were placed on the personal assessment roll for sums ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000, but an examination of the records shows that in nearly every case the assessment was sworn off.

Among well known persons who either swore off their personal estate assessments or got them materially reduced are: John P. Carroll, from \$20,000 to \$5,000; ex-Mayor Smith Ely, from \$50,000 to nothing; H. O. Armour, from \$100,000 to \$38,000; Cecil Barring, from \$25,000 to \$5,000; H. M. Flakler, from \$75,000 to \$10,000; John D. Crumptions, from \$75,000 to nothing; The C. P. Huntington estate was tentatively placed on the rolls for \$3,000,000, but the executors apparently convinced the Tax Board that it was not a property assessment, as later it was taken off.

The president Feitner, in referring to the work of the assessor, said that although there were 511,473 parcels of real estate on the rolls, the exemptions for all purposes amount to \$2,325,670.

The assessments of corporations are increased almost without exception. Some of the heavier personal assessments are:

LIGHTNING KILLS ELEVEN.

MEN AND BOYS ON CHICAGO PIER SLAIN TOGETHER—ONLY ONE ESCAPES.

Chicago, July 1.—Crowded together in a little zinc lined shanty under a north shore pier ten boys and young men and one old man met instant death by lightning to-day. They had left their fish lines and sought shelter from the fierce thunderstorm that deluged the northern part of the city about 1 o'clock.

The men were after their bodies lay, with twisted and tangled limbs, "like a nest of snakes" to the men who found them dead. Twelve sought shelter and one escaped. Twelve-year-old "Willie" Anderson was uninjured, but he lay many minutes before he could be drawn out from under the heap of dead bodies.

The dead are all from the families of comparatively poor persons, and comprised a party of men who were fishing, and seeking relief from the heat of the day, joined by a number of boys, who had come to wade and swim on the beach.

This is the list of the dead and the saved: BRABINAT, George, eleven years old. BLOCH, Edward, twenty-three years old. COONEY, Frank, eleven years old. KRUSE, Carl, eleven years old. JACOBSON, Meyer, forty-five years old. FREES, George, twelve years old. An unknown man, name supposed to be Broderick. An unknown man. Three unknown boys.

The scene of the tragedy was a pier just south of Marquette Terrace, and a few hundred feet from the waterworks pumping station at the foot of Montrose Boulevard. The storm was a violent one. The skies were filled with lightning, and the air rumbled steadily with thunder. Half a dozen houses, outbuildings and trees in the vicinity were struck, and almost all of the telephone wires burned out.

Then came the thunderbolt. It was the worst of the storm. Watchers in the pumping station saw the lightning strike the water, as they thought. There was one boy, however, who saw the deal of difficulty, in rescuing young Anderson and recovering the dead bodies of the others.

Des Moines, Iowa, July 1.—Tornadoes are reported near Holstein, Cambridge and other Iowa points, but details are lacking. Communication with Cambridge cannot be secured from here.

Omaha, Neb., July 1.—The critical period in the affairs of Nebraska grain men passed to-day, and the State was deluged with showers after five days of most extraordinary weather. Eastern grain men, commission firms and railroads have kept the wires warm through Nebraska and Kansas points for the last forty-eight hours, trying to ascertain exactly the extent of the damage as a result of the high winds and high temperature. It was generally conceded unless rain fell to-night or to-morrow the corn crop would be seriously damaged, and many insist that the rain did not, in fact, come soon enough to prevent the corn yield of Nebraska being cut down considerably. G. A. Loveland, section director of the Nebraska Crop Bureau, to-night gave out this statement as a result of numerous inquiries from Eastern sources:

The weather has been most unusual for the last five days, but the corn crop has not been damaged very much in the State, if at all. The mercury has been above one hundred nearly every day for a week, and the winds have been very high, but the heavy rains prior to that time seem to have wet the soil to such an extent that the crop will be able to stand out no damage. I think it can be accepted as correct that Nebraska's corn crop was never in better condition, and that to-night's general rain will prevent any serious damage, if the heat continues for another week.

Harrisburg, Penn., July 1.—It is alleged here that over \$1,000,000 was corruptly distributed among a number of the members of the Pennsylvania Legislature during the session which closed last Thursday. It was used, it is said, to influence votes in the selection of the Speaker of the House, and in securing the passage of the second class city "ripper" bill, the Philadelphia Fifth Court bill, the Philadelphia Board of Revision of Taxes "ripper" and the Railway Franchise bill.

This amount does not include the comparatively small sums said to have been promised for votes against the Oleomargarine bill, which has not been paid; the cash paid for votes of legislators against the game bill, or the money paid for the passage or defeat of a number of other bills in amounts of less than \$500 a vote. Neither does it include the thousands of dollars appropriated to the hospitals and other institutions out of the State Treasury in an alleged effort to placate the constituents of Senators and members who might otherwise be disposed to wreak vengeance on the men who employed their positions as Representatives to fill their pockets with money.

At least half a million dollars, it is also said, was distributed among members of the Senate and House during the contest over the so-called Pittsburgh "ripper." Of this amount not less than \$200,000 is alleged to have been paid to members of the Senate, and half of this sum is said to have gone into the pockets of half a dozen men.

DEATHS AND PROSTRATIONS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY—NO RELIEF IN SIGHT.

THE WHITE MOUNTAINS, THE BERKSHIRES AND AT RICHFIELD SPRINGS AND LAKE GEORGE IT IS REPORTED TO BE COOL AND COMFORTABLE, BUT IN THE ADIRONDACKS AND AT OTHER POINTS IN NEW-YORK AND IN NEW-ENGLAND, EVEN AS FAR NORTH AS BAR HARBOR, PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING FROM THE HEAT AS THEY HAVE NOT SUFFERED IN MANY YEARS.

Only three times since the local weather bureau was established have the instruments recorded such heat as visited this city yesterday. There were, in the immediate vicinity of New-York, eighty-eight deaths directly attributable to the heat and no fewer than one hundred and forty prostrations were reported. There is no relief in sight. The Weather Bureau says to-day and to-morrow will be fair, dry and warm.

The most severe heat ever recorded in Philadelphia was experienced, the thermometer reaching 102 degrees, and many fatalities and prostrations occurring. In Baltimore the same intense heat was recorded. Eleven men and boys who had been swimming off a Chicago pier and took refuge on it in a thunderstorm were struck by lightning and killed. Only one of the party escaped.

In the White Mountains, the Berkshires and at Richfield Springs and Lake George it is reported to be cool and comfortable, but in the Adirondacks and at other points in New-York and in New-England, even as far north as Bar Harbor, people are suffering from the heat as they have not suffered in many years.

Only three times in the history of the local weather bureau has the weather been warmer in this city than it was yesterday. The other days that have surpassed this in misery for the people are:

July 9, 1876..... 99 July 3, 1898..... 99 August 7, 1881..... 100 Highest temperature ever recorded here, September 7, 1881..... 102 Highest temperature in Philadelphia..... 102 Highest temperature in St. Louis..... 100 Number of deaths in the metropolitan district yesterday..... 88 Number of heat prostrations in New-York City yesterday..... 145

Deaths and prostrations all over the country. The death rate continues to increase in a lamentable manner. The continuation of the hot weather, unbroken by even a few hours of even ordinary temperature, is weakening the people and so undermining the constitutions of sufferers from prostrations that they have no more vitality with which to resist the terrible effects of the heat.

THE DEAD. In the metropolitan district yesterday there were 104 deaths and 145 prostrations. The dead were:

MANHATTAN. BINNEY, Joseph, thirty-eight years old, of No. 217 West Houston-st. BOLAND, John, fifty years old, of No. 615 East Fourteenth-st., overcome in the street; died at Bellevue Hospital. BUCKLEY, William, thirty-two years old, of No. 441 West Seventeenth-st. BYER, Ernest, bookkeeper of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club, fifty-one years old, of No. 163 East Forty-fourth-st., overcome and died at home. BUSHBY, Joseph, four months old, of No. 506 West Twenty-sixth-st. CLARK, John, forty-five years old, of No. 454 West Thirty-third-st., overcome and died in bed. CLEVELAND, David, forty-eight years old, of No. 249 East Thirty-sixth-st.; overcome and died in bed. COSSAR, Charles, five months old, of No. 223 West Twenty-third-st. CROKER, Mary, fifty years old, of No. 409 East Eighth-st., overcome and died at home. COMAUGHTON, Dominick, thirty-eight years old, of No. 246 East Forty-fifth-st. DOULEN, Victor (supposed name). ERDMAN, Victor, forty-five years old, of No. 1573 Broadway. GILMARTIN, Catherine, forty-two years old, of No. 325 East Forty-eighth-st. GREEN, Annie, sixty-two years old, of No. 552 West Forty-fifth-st. HEINE, Owen, thirty years old, of No. 446 East Twenty-ninth-st. HIDE, Harold, thirty-six years old, of No. 351 West One-hundred-and-twenty-ninth-st. JACKSON, Irving, twenty-two years old, of No. 229 West Fifty-third-st., overcome at home; died at Roosevelt Hospital. JOCKELAN, Rudolph, thirty-nine years old, of No. 211 West Fifty-second-st. JOHNSON, Spencer, seven years old, of No. 1,858 Third-ave. JOHNSON, Edgar, seven months old, of No. 1,858 Third-ave. KELLY, Catherine, fifty-six years old, of No. 215 East Seventy-sixth-st. KARSHEIT, Joseph, thirty-three years old, of No. 213 West Twenty-fourth-st. KRANTZER, John, sixty-four years old, of No. 32 Second-ave. LAMHREUS, (no name), thirty-eight years old, no address; died in J. Hood Wright Hospital. LARKIN, Francis J., twenty-three years old, of No. 1,550 Broadway. LEBERT, Henry, twenty-five years old, of No. 283 West Forty-seventh-st. LYNN, Arthur, forty-five years old, of No. 391 Avenue A. LYND, Axel, forty-five years old, of No. 248 West Thirty-third-st. LYONS, Kate, twenty-one years old, of No. 110 East One-hundred-and-twelfth-st. MCCARTHY, Thomas, forty-one years old, of No. 339 East Fifty-fifth-st. MURPHY, Thomas, forty-two years old, of No. 206 West Sixty-seventh-st. MURPHY, Thomas, thirty-five years old, of No. 339 East Fifty-fifth-st. MORRIS, William, eighty months old, of No. 207 East One-hundred-and-twenty-ninth-st. MURPHY, Henry, forty years old, of No. 308 East Thirty-fifth-st. MILLER, Adam, forty-five years old, of No. 173 East One-hundred-and-twenty-ninth-st. MCKEON, John, forty-eight years old, of No. 324 De-launay-st. M'CALL, (supposed), thirty-five years old, of No. 211 West One-hundred-and-twenty-fourth-st. MURPHY, Annie, seventy years old, of No. 325 West One-hundred-and-twenty-ninth-st. MURPHY, Mary, fifty years old, of No. 50 Cherry-st. O'CONNELL, Daniel, twenty-five years old, of No. 494 First-ave. O'KEEFE, Daniel, twenty-seven years old, of No. 53 Montrose-st. O'NEIL, John, forty-five years old, of No. 122 East One-hundred-and-twenty-seventh-st. O'NEIL, William, forty years old, of No. 367 Bowery. POLK, Charlotte, sixty-two years old, of No. 440 East Seventy-second-st. RACK, Patrick H., sixty years old, of No. 813 Green-wich-st. REILLY, Kate, fifty years old, died in Plaza Hotel, where she was employed. SAHOLE, Michael, seventy-one years old, of No. 217 West Third-st. SCHAEFFER, Mrs., seventy-one years old, of No. 123 East Third-st., overcome and died at home. SMITH, Mary, of No. 161 East Ninety-ninth-st. SCHIFFEN, John, sixty years old, of No. 8 Geerck-st.; overcome and died at home. SPRECHT, Adolph, fifty years old, of No. 3 Abington-square. SUCCIDEITZ, Thomas, thirty-seven years old, of No. 346 East Forty-ninth-st. TIEBAN, William, forty years old, of No. 242 West-st. TERTUGEN, Leopold, fifty-two years old, of No. 24 West Twenty-second-st. VAN DORIN, Hannah, forty-five years old, of No. 12 West Twenty-seventh-st. VOGEL, Michael, fifty-five years old, of No. 220 East Twenty-fifth-st. WALDMAN, E. Joseph, forty years old, of No. 305 Broadway. WARD, Richard, forty-four years old, of No. 344 East Sixty-first-st. WATDELWORTH, Esther, sixty-five years old, of No. 24 West One-hundred-and-twenty-ninth-st. Unknown woman, died at No. 920 Second-ave. Unknown man, overcome at Thirty-seventh-st. and Tenth-ave.; died at Roosevelt Hospital. Unknown man, died at No. 242 West-st.

COOL AMONG THE BERKSHIRES. Pittsfield, Mass., July 1.—The Berkshire Hills have been blessed with cool nights during the excessive heated period through which the country has passed. Although the days have been hot, the thermometer reaching as high as 95 in the shade, cool breezes at night have made the towns in the Berkshires cooler than places of smaller elevation. Since Sunday, there has been a steady and refreshing breeze, that has fanned the leaves of the trees and brought relief after the excessive heat of last week. The resorts at Lenox, Stockbridge and this city have been filled up almost to the limit during the last week, mostly by those who know that the Berkshire Hills are many degrees cooler than the coast resorts. Along the shaded roads there has been much driving, and few prostrations, even among laborers, have been reported. Last week's hot days were record breakers since the Weather Bureau of this city was established, but with cool nights life has been comfortable throughout the whole stretch of country lying between Great Barrington and Greenock. The pure air of the hills, freighted with the smell of the woods, is a luxury these days, with the whole of the country round about panting for the cooling air that the hills afford.

NEWPORT HOT IN THE DAYTIME. Newport, R. I., July 1.—Newport has experienced to-day its hottest weather of the season thus far, the thermometer registering 96 degrees at high noon. When the sun rose this morning there was scarcely a breath of air stirring, and every indication pointed to an extremely hot day. At 8 a. m. the thermometer registered 79 degrees, and at 10 o'clock the mercury had reached 83 degrees and was steadily climbing, reaching the highest mark of 96 degrees at high noon. The intense heat had its effect upon attendance at the races, many believing that it would be insufferably hot on the water, but in this they were mistaken. The big crowd that usually collects at Brenton's Point to see the start and finish of a yacht race was absent. A cool breeze was blowing off shore, and did not reach the city until after the noon hour, when the thermometer began to drop gradually, and at 2 o'clock reached 85 degrees, at 3 o'clock 82 degrees and at 4 o'clock 79 degrees. At 5 a. m. the humidity was 71 degrees, and at noon had fallen to 55 degrees. Although the present warm wave has hung over the city for nearly a week, there has not been a single case of prostration of man or beast. While the heat of the day has been uncomfortable, with nightfall a cooling breeze has sprung up, so that the nights have been comfortable, and in the evening women going to and from entertainments and dinners have been wearing light wraps.

THE STEAMER SHINNECOCK will leave New York for BLOCK ISLAND and intermediate landings on Wednesday, July 3d, at 1 P. M., instead of 3.30 P. M.—Adv't.

BROOKLYN. BELDING, Chester A., fifty-seven years old, of No. 811 Warren-st.

CANADA LOYAL TO CROWN.

SUGGESTION OF UNION WITH THIS COUNTRY REPUDIATED AT LONDON DINNER.

London, July 1.—Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal presided to-night at the Dominion Day dinner, given at the Hotel Cecil, London, and attended by three hundred, the company including Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Aberdeen and other former members of the Government. Sir Louis Davies, David Mills and Sydney Fisher, and the other Canadian ministers now in London, General Ian Hamilton, Rear-Admiral Douglas, Gilbert Parker and other well known men.

Mr. Chamberlain, speaking of Canada's material progress, said: "Thirty years ago your thoughts might have turned to the suggestion of union with this country, but friendly neighbor to the south."

Yes, you may say "No, no," but you wouldn't have said it thirty years ago. Of one thing I am convinced, if our colonies desire closer connection and will assist us with their counsel and advice, in addition to their arms, we will do nothing this country would more readily welcome.

Referring to Great Britain's isolation, the Colonial Secretary said: "I do not think the opinion of civilized Europe to-day is likely to be the verdict of posterity. Of much more value is the opinion of our colonies than the untrusting opinion of Europe, which is based upon lies foisted upon Europe by our enemies abroad and traitors among us at home. We are not alone as our children rally around us, we are not alone."

Sir Louis Davies spoke of the work the Dominion Government had done in maintaining order in the Klondike and the Kootenay country, "where others would have displaced our flag. Reciprocity of action is such that there is no distrust, fear or danger between the colonies and the empire to-day. Our tie may only be silken, but it is also stronger than an iron chain. The empire's King is our King, the empire's flag is our flag, and we are proud to be part of the United Kingdom. Emigration is now flowing from the United States into Canada, instead of from Canada to the United States. We have so improved trade relations that the United Kingdom is now a more important market for the United States than in the United States. There was a time when certain people thought Canada could be forced into relations with the United States that time, thank God, has gone by, and the time to talk annexation has gone by. To-day our faith is pinned in the fact that our material prosperity lies with the United Kingdom. We recognized that the cause in South Africa was a righteous cause, and we have stood by it."

HURRICANES IN NEW SOUTH WALES. TWO VESSELS WRECKED AND TEN PERSONS DROWNED. Melbourne, July 1.—Disastrous hurricanes on the coast of New South Wales have paralyzed shipping. Two vessels have been wrecked and ten persons drowned.

ELECTRICITY KILLS AN ELECTRICIAN. Michael Whalen, an electrician, in the employ of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, was accidentally killed at the Lexington-ave. car barn at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

THE PERSONAL TAX ROLL.

ASSESSMENTS INCREASED BY MORE THAN \$64,000,000.

The Tammany dragnet system of putting nearly every one on the tax rolls for personal estate for sums ranging from about \$5,000 to several millions, according to the notion of those who make the guesses, has resulted in increasing the gross personal assessments by more than \$64,000,000. Some of the final figures stand just as they did when they were put on the books in January. Hundreds who were assessed round sums got the first figures reduced. Some of the larger assessments are the following: Frederick W. Vanderbilt, \$2,000,000; George W. Vanderbilt, \$2,000,000; William K. Vanderbilt, \$1,000,000; J. D. Rockefeller, \$1,000,000; Otten-dorfer estate, \$1,500,000; Andrew Carnegie, \$1,000,000; Russell Sage, \$900,000; A. G. Vanderbilt, \$500,000; H. H. Rogers, \$500,000; Joseph Pulitzer, \$500,000; Marie Marshall, \$530,000; Adrian Iselin, \$400,000; Marie Lewis, \$300,000; H. McKay Twombly, \$300,000; Caroline W. Astor, \$250,000; and Emily T. Sloane, \$200,000. There are a large number in the "\$100,000 class," and the personal roll, as a whole, is a fairly complete directory of New-York's wealthy families.

The first column of figures indicates the tentative, or original, assessment, as fixed by the Tax Board, and the second column shows the amount of personal estate the taxpayer will have to pay on. The following are some of the

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MR. JESUP TO BUILD A HOTEL.

Morris K. Jesup, president of the Chamber of Commerce, is to build a twelve-story apartment hotel. It will stand on the site at Nos. 262 and 264 West Eighty-second-st. This site is 50 by 100 feet, and the size of the hotel will be 38 by 55 feet, thus giving plenty of space for light and air.