LIBERALS DEFEATED AGAIN

TREMENDOUS REVERSAL OF SOUTH HEREFORD VOTE.

Party Hedging on Socialistic Policy Sure to Lose Labor Vote Next—Unionists Take Narrow Ground—Polar Expeditions—Another Premature Burial Scare

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The political situation of Britain has appalled and demoralized the Government, but has brought no elation to its opponents. The overwhelming defeat of radicalism in South Herefordshire yesterday was fully expected after the result in Mid-Devon. The Unionist candidate, Capt. Percy Clive, received 4,946 votes to the 3,928 received by Thomson, the Liberal candidate. The constituency gave a Liberal majority of 312 at the last election, which is now turned into a majority of 1,018 for the other side.

No change is admitted in the programme of the Government leaders, but word has gone forth that their socialistic measures will be greatly modified and that every effort will be made to subdue the wave of alarm which has swept over the country. They have succeeded to the extent of partly restoring confidence in the financial world and a rise in values has taken place approaching a miniature boom. The political position, however, of the Government is a sorry one. They now invite and will undoubtedly experience the desertion of their labor and Socialist supporters, and without these elements the Liberal party has no hope of carrying the country.

The Unionists, on the other hand, fail to grasp the situation. They are not wise enough to drop measures that bring dissension into their own ranks and unite in fighting the common danger of socialism.

Two more polar expeditions are announced. Dr. Jean Charcot, the French explorer, is preparing to set out in quest of the South Pole, and the Duke of the Abruzzi is planning a voyage to the north. No details of the Duke of the Abruzzi's expedition have been divulged. M. Charcot's plans have been arranged by the French Government, which allows him $60,000, in addition to $14,000 which has been privately subscribed by French and English sympathizers, and he is trying to raise another $17,0000.

The report of the Association for the Prevention of Premature Burial states that the association has made marked progress during the year. The association has notified the authorities of thirteen cases of premature burial, and forty-seven cases have been prevented. From all the information obtainable it seems probable that hundreds of persons are buried in a state of suspended animation.

A good deal of excitement has been caused at a leading woman's club where the American membership is considerable by the private circulation of a pamphlet in which various members of the club are described by their Christian names and some exceedingly personal details are mentioned regarding them. The members alluded to in this intimate and sometimes scandalous fashion are anxious to bring libel suits against the author of the pamphlet, but the club committee is trying to appease the feelings of the injured ones and to quiet the scandal which endangers the reputation of the club.

Many English and American society women are sailing for America this week. It is becoming the fad to take a few weeks trip to America at this time of the year, returning in plenty of time for London's spring awakening.

The announcement that the Bishop of London will visit St. Petersburg early this month brings to mind a quaint survival of the sixteenth century. The Bishop's diocese embraces the English Church of St. Petersburg, which is under the auspices of a British factory. This was originally established at Archangel by the factors of a company of London merchants who sent a pioneer expedition to the White Sea in the days of Ivan the Terrible. When Peter the Great was building St. Petersburg he asked the factory people to locate there and endowed the concern liberally with land on the banks of the Neva. The church was then erected there and ordinary privileges were accorded to the factory, including the right of levying taxes on all British shipping arriving at Kronstadt. This only ceased in the '60s of the last century.

As recently cabled to THE SUN, two Judges in the same week gave opposite decisions as to whether a promise of marriage given by a married man to a woman who was aware of his married condition was or was not enforcible in law. The Court of Appeals has now settled the matter by a decision in which it says that such a promise is null and void ab initio.

WOULD DRIVE OUT MODERNISM.

Pope Tells Cardinal Its Adherents Have No Place in the Church.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROME, Feb. 1.—Hardly a day passes without some instance of the Pope's determination to crush modernism among the clergy. This was illustrated in the course of a recent conversation which he had with a cardinal who is noted for his liberal ideas.

The Cardinal, in mild terms, protested against the severe repressive ideas of his Holiness, expressing the fear, parenthetical, that many clergymen will be forced to forsake the Church. The Pope is reported to have said in a tone of anger unusual to a man of his mild character:

"My Lord Cardinal, that is exactly what I wish. I am fully convinced that modernists should not remain within the Church."

PAPAL OFFICIAL SUES.

Monsignor Santo Paolo Was Accused of Grafting on Americans in Rome.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROME, Feb. 1.—Mgr. Santo Paolo, a prelate employed in the Papal majordomo's office, is reported to have been dismissed recently on the Pope's order, owing to his appropriation of money contributed by Americans who were seeking audiences.

He has summoned all the newspapers for publishing the alleged facts about his dismissal, and this is considered proof that the report was a calumny, despite the fact that the story as published has never been officially denied by the Vatican.

DRUCE SAYS HE'S LIBELLED.

Sues the "Chronicle" for Saying His Portland Claim Was Fabricated.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—George Hollamby Druce through his attorney to-day had a writ issued against the *Chronicle* for libel in connection with the article published yesterday, purporting to be a complete exposé of the Druce case, in which it was said that the claims were "fictitious from the first."

Baltic to Bring Majestic's Passengers.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

SOUTHAMPTON, Feb. 1.—The passengers booked to sail on the White Star steamer Majestic on Wednesday will be transferred to the Baltic, which is to sail on Thursday, on account of the fire which burned out the Majestic's smoking room.

PHILIPPINE HOUSE ADJOURNS.

Work of Legislature Includes $1,000,000 Appropriation for Schools—Gomez Wins.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MANILA, Feb. 1.—The first session of the Philippine Legislature adjourned this evening at 7:15. During the session of ninety days 125 bills and resolutions were considered. Five of these passed both houses, and one passed the Assembly and was rejected by the Commission.

The important acts of the Legislature include the appropriation of $1,000,000 for suburban schools, the cancellation of loans of provinces by the Insular Government and the increase of Assemblymen's pay. The total appropriations amount to but a little more than 1,000,000 pesos. Thirteen protested elections were considered and favorable action was taken on twelve of them.

The final session was marked by consideration of the report of the committee recommending the unseating of Dr. Dominador Gomez on the ground of non-citizenship. Gomez asked consideration of the report without discussion. The request was granted. The vote was a tie, nine Assemblymen not voting. The Speaker cast the deciding vote in favor of Gomez.

A resolution seating Gomez was introduced with a request for immediate consideration. This was denied and the resolution was referred to the Committee on Elections. It is understood that the committee will consider Gomez's moral qualifications, with the chances in favor of his being seated.

The session then adjourned. It will be officially known as the inaugural session. The first regular session will begin February 4.

POLO TOURNEY IN CUBA OVER.

The Cavalry Wins the Cup Offered by the American Minister.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Feb. 1.—The polo tournament at Camp Columbia resulted to-day in the victory of the cavalry over the artillery by a score of 5 to 4.

This gives the cup offered by Mr. Morgan, the American Minister, to the cavalry, as it was the final game of the tournament. Other teams which participated in the tournament were those from the infantry at the Vedado headquarters and the Tennis Club, a Cuban organization.

At the conclusion of to-day's game Gen. Barry presented the cup to the cavalry, congratulating the winners and losers, in fact all the participants. The winning cavalry team consisted of Capts. Viamer and Parker and Lieuts. Swift and Harris.

Col. Black, U. S. A., supervisor of the Department of Public Works, has been called to Washington to account for the McGibney & Rokeby contract for paving and sewering Havana, which has been in abeyance for some time and which is one of the reasons why Gov. Magoon is now in Washington. Col. Black sailed to-day.

Herr von Eckerd, the new German Minister, arrived here to-day. Lieut. Douglass Potts, Gen. Barry's aide, visited the new Minister aboard the steamer on which he arrived and paid the Governor's respects.

EXPERIMENTAL HOUSEKEEPING.

Charles Barnard's Novel Undertaking at His Home in Darien, Conn.

STAMFORD, Conn., Feb. 1.—Charles Barnard, the writer and lecturer who is devoting his time to conducting a "housekeeping experiment station" in Darien, talked today about the institution.

"A housekeeping experiment station is a new idea," he said. "An agricultural station must have barns, field laboratories and greenhouses. It is wholly different with a housekeeping station. All that is needed is a good country house. It should not be a city house, flat or apartment, because the great majority of housekeepers in this country live out of town or on farms and without gas or electric light.

"The aim of a housekeeping experiment station should be to try experiments on a housekeeping scale with ordinary appliances and under normal household conditions. This is precisely what is done. So far as known it is the first housekeeping experiment station in the world to open its doors to the housemothers of this country.

"Experiments are performed in schools and colleges in household economics, notably at the Teachers College in New York; but these are schools. The new station is a home, occupied and used as such, and also used as a place where experiments in housekeeping are conducted for the benefit of any householder who wants to know how and why certain things done in housework can best be done."

"For nearly two years Mr. Barnard has used his home as a place where he can test new housekeeping appliances, new methods and materials. Housekeepers have applied to the station from every part of the country; manufacturers of household appliances send their new inventions to the station to be tested; town officials ask for information in regard to the best method of lighting streets, and architects have sought information in regard to laying out and furnishing kitchens.

A delegation from the Teachers College of New York spent last Monday afternoon as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barnard, and were surprised and pleased by the demonstrations in the use of alcohol in housekeeping. Mr. Barnard is a believer in the future of denatured alcohol and has done much experimenting with it.

SIGN FALLS INTO 42D STREET.

Knocks Down Four Persons but Hurts Them Little.

A gust of wind at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon blew down a 20 foot section of an electric sign which is being erected on the Fleischman Baths building, at Forty-second street and Sixth avenue.

It fell into Forty-second street and knocked down Samuel Barnett and his wife of 960 Grant avenue, The Bronx; Louis B. Nutting of 111 Broadway and Francis Conner of 329 West 124th street, who were on the sidewalk. Nobody was hurt seriously. Police reserves from East Fifty-first street had to help disperse the crowd that gathered.

Queens Grand Jury Has a Recess.

Four of the five documents handed to Justice Garretson in the Flushing Supreme Court yesterday morning by the Queens county Grand Jury are said to be indictments against prominent residents of Queens who took part in the Kissena Park deal. No arrests followed, however. It is surmised that if indictments were found the men mentioned in them are of such prominence that haste in placing them under arrest is not deemed necessary. The jury was instructed to report again for duty on February 15.

Policeman Arrested for Assault.

Policeman James Traynor, attached to the West 125th street station, while in citizen's clothes got into an altercation with Charles Lawson, a carpenter of 47 East 132d street, in a saloon at 125th street and Eighth avenue last night. Both were arrested, Traynor for assault and Lawson for intoxication.

Judge Gary's Wife Ill.

Judge Elbert H. Gary, who was to be a guest at the dinner of the Ohio Society at the Waldorf-Astoria last night and to make a speech, did not attend because of the illness of Mrs. Gary, who has tonsillitis. Dr. Francis Delafield is attending her. Judge Gary said last night that it was not a serious matter.

WANE OF THE HORSE IN PARIS

AUTOS CAUSE A 10 PER CENT. REDUCTION IN NUMBER.

Women Want to Sit on Juries to Try Women—"Justice" Promised to Young and Pretty Ones—Founding an Esperantist State—Fake Diamond on Exhibition.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Feb. 1.—Is Paris going to lose its ancient reputation as a hell for horses, in which they serve only as the favored possessions of the rich or food for the poor? Is animal traction disappearing before automobilism?

That such an improvement on the horse's destiny is steadily approaching is shown by the very careful horse census which is taken annually by the military authorities. This shows that Paris possesses to-day 83,458 horses, as compared with 92,026 in 1897, or a diminution of 8,568, or 10 per cent., in ten years.

That the diminution is due to the increase of auto traction is proved by the fact that it is greatest in the fashionable quarters along the Champs Elysée. The diminution is not limited to private individuals, for a company which runs all the Paris omnibuses shows a decrease of 3,972 owing to the use of motor buses. One cab company's horses decreased in use to the number of 1,878 in the same period.

Although the women of France who wish for the right to vote have not reached that perfection in advertising their demands which their English sisters have attained, they never neglect the opportunity of forwarding their claims. The Minister of Justice recently issued a circular admitting workingmen for the first time to the right of serving on juries. This has moved Mme. Auclerc, a leader of the suffragettes, to write to Minister of Justice Briand praising his decision and encouraging him to give a similar right to women. She says in her letter that a jury no longer will be a class jury, but will remain a sex jury. She asks: "If workmen are necessary for rendering justice to workmen how can they refuse women the right to render justice to women?"

According to the law, only electers can serve on juries, but Mme. Auclerc says that as the law does not distinguish between men and women when it is a question of collecting taxes, this matters little. Women, she thinks, are especially fitted for trying cases of infanticide and crimes of passion and would be more likely to serve the cause of true justice when the case involves a young and pretty woman.

Prof. Y. Roy of the Municipal College of Saint Girons, with the cooperation of French, German and Belgian Esperantists, is organizing an Esperantist state with headquarters at Moresnet, a neutral strip of territory five miles from Aix la Chapelle. He hopes to find adherents among the commercial travellers of the world, whom he regards as a class most interested in the diffusion of an international language. He proposes to make Moresnet an attractive holiday resort for commercial travellers, where Esperanto will be the official language, where an Esperanto college will be founded and where there will be an Esperantist theatre and newspaper and a parliament to discuss the affairs of the Esperanto state. No taxes will be levied, as the public expenses will be borne by subscriptions of Esperantists throughout the world.

The recent attempt to steal the famous Blue Regent diamond from the Louvre has revealed the fact that the much admired stone on exhibition was only a paste imitation of the real thing which is safely stored there. The diamond was originally brought to England by Gov. Pitt of Fort St. George, Madras, who bought it for $102,000. The Duc d'Orleans, the Regent of France, purchased it in 1717 for $400,000. It was stolen in 1792 with other crown jewels of France, but restored later. Napoleon I. used to wear it in the pommel of his sword.

The very latest statistics in regard to the population of France show that there are 19,533,899 females and 18,816,889 males. The total number of French families is 9,781,117. There are 1,314,773 childless couples and 2,249,337 with only one child, 2,018,655 with two children, 1,246,264 with three children, dwindling down to 71,841 with eight children and 33,917 with nine children.

GROSVENOR—PADELFORD.

Large Gathering at Wedding in St. Margaret's Church, Westminster.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The marriage of Miss Florence Padelford, daughter of Mrs. Ernest Cunard by her first marriage, and the Hon. Bertie Grosvenor, eldest son of Lord Ebury, took place at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, this afternoon. It was largely attended.

The bride wore a white satin gown with a full court train of Brussels lace with a Honiton lace veil.

Ernest Cunard, the bride's stepfather, gave her away. Montagu Eliot was the best man.

The guests invited to the reception included the Duke and Duchess of Wellington, Lord and Lady Beauchamp, Prince and Princess Alexis Dolgorouki, Ambassador and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harcourt and the Countess of Strafford. About 400 presents were bestowed on the couple.

FUNERAL OF A. W. FERGUSSON.

Body of Philippine Executive Secretary Coming Home on the Sherman.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MANILA, Feb. 1.—The State funeral of A. W. Fergusson, the executive secretary who died of heart disease on January 30, will take place from the Ayuntamiento tomorrow. The remains will be transferred to the United States on the transport Sherman, which will leave on February 15.

The interment probably will be in Washington.

QUAKE DIDN'T CAUSE FIRE.

Supreme Court of Jamaica Against Insurance Cos.—Appeal to England.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 1.—The Supreme Court upheld to-day the verdicts rendered recently in cases against insurance companies that the fire which destroyed the commercial part of Kingston on May 8, 1907, on the occasion of the great earthquake, was not caused by the shock.

The companies will carry an appeal to England.

YACHT BUILDER FIFE HURT.

Fell Into the Hold of Lipton's New Yacht and Struck on His Head.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb 1.—Yacht Designer Fife, who is superintending the construction of Sir Thomas Lipton's new racing yacht in his shipyard at Fairlie, fell to-day from the deck of the yacht into the hold. He struck on his head and his condition is serious.

Dublin's Stolen Jewels May Be Found.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BELFAST, Feb. 1.—The *News Letter* states that the missing jewels of the Knights of St. Patrick were found in a house in the West End of London and have been returned.

LUSITANIA HAS BAD LUCK.

A Series of Misadventures From Queenstown to Her Dock Here.

After a series of misadventures that began just after she left Queenstown the turbine Lusitania docked last night. She arrived off the Hook at 4 o'clock in the morning and was held up by snow and fog until the tide was too low to permit the pilot to risk bringing her through the Ambrose Channel, the only one she can safely use. When the air cleared and the tide was about half flood she headed for Quarantine. Wind and tide rushing up the North River bothered her so much that she was two hours docking. She got jammed against her own pier and the pier to the north and bottled up in the dock between five tugs that were waiting to help warp her in.

When she was a few hours out of Queenstown the Lusitania ran into dirty weather. A careless steerage passenger opened a port while the seas were high and combing and the steerage quarters were flooded. The liner stopped three hours to make things taut. She slowed down twice again on the stormy trip. On Thursday night a roller smote her on the port bow so viciously that she trembled and Capt. Watt, who was at dinner, went swiftly to the bridge and took command. In the next four or five hours she ran at less than half speed.

Among the passengers were Consuelo, Duchess of Manchester, and her sister, Lady Lister-Kaye, who are here to attend the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Yznaga; Mrs. Marshall Field, Mrs. J. Bruce Ismay, Mrs. H. Beerbohm Tree, the actress; Dr. C. Ariyoshi, a Japanese surgeon who has been attending the hygienic congress at Berlin; Sir H. Montagu Allan, H. Maitland Kersey, Major D. F. Davidson, Miss Sybil Johnston, Marquis G. Scotti, Ashley Cooper, W. C. Craig and Arthur James, the yachtsman.

STORM DAMAGE AT CONEY.

High Water, Blown Hard, Wrecks Property and Stalls Trains.

Coney Island was drenched yesterday morning when the highest seas of years, pushed by a stiff southeast breeze, pounded against hotels, pavilions, breakwaters and bulkheads all along the ocean beach from Brighton to Sea Gate, causing considerable damage to property and tying up trains of the Brighton Beach line for nearly the entire day.

The sea commenced to rise at about 7 o'clock in the morning. The storm was severest at the Brighton end of the island. The Brighton Beach Hotel lost a large stretch of promenade in front of the porch, which was loosened by the big waves and finally washed away. At the foot of the Ocean Parkway a portion of the breakwater was washed away, after which Seaside Park and the Ocean Parkway for several blocks were flooded with over a foot of water.

It was at that point the Brighton trains were unable to pass, as the motors were not high enough to escape the water. Near evening a shuttle train, run by one of the old time elevated engines, carried passengers to Sheepshead Bay from the island. From Sheepshead Bay the trains ran to Manhattan without trouble.

It was late in the afternoon before the waves subsided. Then all along the beach marks of the big tide could be seen. The damage will amount to several thousand dollars.

High storm tides and the steady encroachments of the sea have driven the life savers at Point Lookout, near Freeport, L. I., from their old station, and they have been compelled to take up new quarters. Their boathouse was flooded and wrecked, and they are now quartered in a pavilion on the bay front on the north side of the beach about a mile east of their old place.

Some of the summer cottages at Long Beach which had to be moved back from the shore front owing to the ravages of the sea are still insecure. Porches have been washed away and in some cases supporting posts have been undermined by the waves, resulting in the cracking of the walls of the houses.

HELPED ROBBED HIS SISTER.

Young Man in Brooklyn Admitted Thief and Then Urged the Police to Get Busy.

Richard Coleman of 7 Sherlock place, Brooklyn, was arrested last night for robbing Mrs. Florence Grant, a sister, with whom he lived. Coleman is 20 years old. He was so full of suggestions when the burglary was discovered on January 30 that Mrs. Grant mentioned his unusual interest to her husband.

The police did not fail to notice the remarkable activity, and linking that with the fact that a window in the house had been opened from the inside they kept a close watch on the young man who had exhorted them to "keep an eye peeled for the burglar and not to fail to notify him as soon as they had located the culprit."

They notified him and arrested him simultaneously last night while he was talking with Louis Vandeberg, 21 years old, of 805 Broadway. A search of Vandeberg's apartments revealed a lot of silver wedding presents which had been stolen from the Coleman house. Other valuables had been recovered in a pawnshop earlier in the day.

Coleman broke down and made a confession. He said that he had admitted Vandeberg through the window because he was married and out of work. Vandeberg was also arrested.

CHICAGO TELEPHONE STOCK.

Extra Issue Contemplated to Provide for New Franchise Requirements.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—It is asserted on authority that the Chicago Telephone Company will issue new stock for the purpose of raising funds with which to carry out the rehabilitation requirements of the new franchise ordinance.

At the annual meeting on February 12 a complete explanation of the company's plan will be made and the stockholders will be asked to approve a proposition to increase the capitalization from $20,000,000 to a greater sum, which has not been fully determined, but may be $30,000,000 or $35,000,000.

It is estimated that the present year requirements will be $3,000,000 or $4,000,000. The new shares will go to the stockholders at par in proportion to their present holdings. The exact amount of the first issue has not been determined.

Deputy Comptroller McCooey, Hurt in Auto Smashup, Will Be in Bed for a Week.

It was said yesterday at the home of Deputy Comptroller John H. McCooey, 1246 Pacific street, Brooklyn, that Mr. McCooey, whose right ankle was sprained and leg bruised in an automobile accident early yesterday morning, probably would be confined to his bed for a week or more. Mr. McCooey, who had attended a midnight meeting of the board of directors of the Kings County Democratic Club, was being taken home in Comptroller Metz's big touring car when the car was caught between two trolley cars at Atlantic avenue and Bond street. The automobile was wrecked. Mr. McCooey's companions, George S. Dowling, Bernard Gallagher and Arthur S. Somers, got only a few scratches in the smashup.

Anchored Ships Collide in Gale.

The southeasterly gale of yesterday caused trouble in the merchant squadron anchored off Quarantine. The German tank steamship Prometheus dragged anchor and drifted down on the steamship Italian Prince, in from New Orleans. The wrecking steamer I. J. Merritt and the tug Mutual pulled the steamships apart and the Prometheus was towed to drydock in South Brooklyn damaged about the bows. The oil carrying French bark Jules Henry banged against the port side of the James C. Ring & Co.'s Barge 20, punching a hole in her that extended below the water line. Dalzell tugs hitched on to the barge and towed her to Brooklyn in time to save her from sinking.

BERLIN TEAPOT TEMPESTS

RED TAPE HOLDS UP GIFT FOR THE KAISER 10 MONTHS.

Semi-Precious Stones Go at Last to the Shell Room at Potsdam—Ambassador Tower's Row With Pastor Dickie an Inky Mystery—Pastor Holds On.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—A number of semi-precious gems which were sent here ten months ago for presentation to the Kaiser were inspected by him on the occasion of his birthday, January 27. The Kaiser showed great interest in the agates, crystals and other gems of large size and directed that they should be taken to the new palace at Potsdam to be worked into the walls of the well known Shell Room.

The delay in making the presentation was due entirely to the wonderful convolutions of official red tape. The American Embassy in the first place had to refer the matter to the Hofmarschalamt. The Hofmarschalamt referred it to the Kaiser. The Kaiser sent it back to the Hofmarschalamt, which communicated with the American Embassy. The embassy then opened communication with the State Department at Washington. The State Department replied to the embassy and the latter communicated with the Hofmarschalamt and finally the reply reached the Kaiser.

Mr. Tower is known to be a God fearing man, but it is understood that while here he has used language of unusual strength in regard to the serpentine transactions outlined above.

The teacups of the American colony are rattling and vibrating before a storm which is daily rising to such dynamic pressure that it threatens a cyclone which will involve the Church, as represented by the Rev. Mr. Dickie, the American pastor here, and the State, as represented by Mr. Tower, the Ambassador. A curious feature is that while the tea things are dancing all the time, as they have been for five or six years, the harmony of the dance has occasionally been broken by sideshows among the cups themselves in the shape of special feuds of various American institutions connected directly or indirectly with the Church or State.

The cause of the storm is obscure, but it seems to be a fact that shortly after the Ambassador's arrival the pastor unwittingly used his name as a patron of the church without Mr. Tower's consent. Ever since there has been a state of antagonism between the pastor and the Ambassador, which has had several ramifications, with which, however, the Ambassador has nothing to do, but which lately have reached such a head that they have gone to the areopagus of the State Department for settlement.

In addition to the strained relations between the pastor of the American Church and the Embassy there have been conflicts of opinion in the American colony. One of these has been in regard to the management of the American Women's Club, but the most important one has been in the American Church itself. Part of the congregation wishes the pastor to resign, but another section, which recognizes his active work for fourteen years, wants him to remain. Up to the present time the latter have been victorious to the extent of persuading the clergyman to remain in charge for six months longer, a period which will include a trip of three months to America. There have been some lively episodes in this parochial warfare, one being the rapid exit of the pastor from the Embassy precincts on the urgent invitation of the Ambassador himself.

Judge Felix Meyer has been entrusted by the Government with the task of drafting a measure for international treatment of bills of exchange of all countries. The chief feature of the suggested measure will be a proposal to establish in London most likely, a clearing house for bills of exchange. The measure will not attempt to deal with the substance of such documents, but solely with their form, which will be unified and simplified.

$500,000 GOLD GOES OUT

To the Argentine, Not to Europe, and for a Special Purpose.

Muller, Schall & Co. announced yesterday the exportation of $500,000 gold to the Argentine. This gold is the first considerable amount that has left the country since early last fall, and was considered yesterday as marking the beginning of the return of a part of the $100,000,000 gold brought into this country while the premium on currency obtained. The exportation, however, was not actuated entirely by exchange rates. It was in the nature of a special transaction similar in this way to several exportations made by the same firm to Germany last year.

H. Gassaway Davis Gives His Annual Railroad Dinner.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Former Senator Henry Gassaway Davis of West Virginia gave his annual "railroad dinner" this evening in the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Senator and Mrs. Elkins. His guests were President Murray and Vice-Presidents Randolph and Potter of the Baltimore and Ohio, Chairman Knapp and Commissioner Cockrell of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Presidents Underwood of the Erie, Garrett of the Seaboard Air Line, Page of the Virginian, Vice-Presidents Pugh of the Pennsylvania, Schoonmaker of the Pittsburg and Lake Erie, Bacon of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern, Spencer of the Southern, Robertson of the Western Maryland and Willard of the Burlington, President Davis Elkins of the Morgantown and Kingswood, Vice-President Davis of the Davis Colliery Company, President Thomas of the Merchants Bank of Baltimore, James Speyer of New York and Senator Elkins.

Call to a Brooklyn Pastor.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Feb. 1.—The First Methodist Church of this city has extended a call to the Rev. Charles W. Flint, pastor of the Bensonhurst Methodist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., to become its pastor after the meeting of the New York East Conference in April. It is thought that he will accept. The First Methodist Church is the college church and is attended by most of the faculty and students of Wesleyan University.

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Tea Kettles, 5 quart	1.35	Tea and Coffee Pots, 4 qt	1.19
Tea Kettles, 6 quart	1.59	Oblong Roasting Pans, 10x14	1.15
Frying Pans, 8 inch	59c	Oblong Roasting Pans, 10x15	1.39
Frying Pans, 9 inch	65c	Oblong Roasting Pans, 10x16	1.75
Frying Pans, 10 inch	75c	Covered Saucepans, 3 qt	59c
Frying Pans, 11 inch	85c	Covered Saucepans, 4 qt	75c
Rice Boilers, 1½ quart	98c	Covered Saucepans, 5 qt	85c
Rice Boilers, 2 quart	1.19	Covered Saucepans, 6 qt	98c
Rice Boilers, 2½ quart	1.49	Covered Saucepans, 8 qt	1.25
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Prof. Lankester Shows That Poverty Does Not Cause Deterioration of Race—Rome Destroyed by Enervating Benevolence of Government—The Peril of Largesse.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—No public utterance in a long time has attracted such widespread interest as a lecture by Arthur Balfour at Banbridge the other day upon national decadence. Of course no man in political life will admit that the English race and the British nation are degenerating, but there are not wanting students of political and social economy who affirm that such is the fact.

Balfour discussed the question whether death was inevitable in nations as well as in men. His views were of course optimistic. He rejected the old assumption that every body politic must decay as Rome decayed. He disagreed with Macaulay, who conceived national greatness as periodic and that when New Zealand had become great London would be in ruins. The nation which discovers the origin of decay and guards against it will have a higher vitality, Balfour argued. Aspiration to eternal national life is elevating and sobering and not impracticable.

He touched on two or three causes of national decadance—slavery, a falling birth rate and lack of initiative. These are definite diseases which can be cured. They are not merely signs of national senility. The fall in the birth rate among classes which are not worthy of reproduction is not a pressing matter. To-day the nation is being replenished from the wrong source. But the problem is not beyond the reach of science.. Moreover the harmfulness of the conditions under which the poorest of the population are reared is exaggerated.

This remark of Mr. Balfour's was in reply to Hyndman, a prominent Socialist, who has been warning the country that there is an appalling physical degeneration among large masses of England's population, due to permanent poverty. This is a familiar allegation from the socialistic sources and it brings this answer from Prof. Lankester:

"There is no evidence that privation and injurious conditions cause deterioration of stock in animals or plants. They may kill off the stock or race, but they do not alter its congenital quality. Has Hyndman grounds for asserting other results in the case of man?"

Other commentators, carrying the subject beyond the point reached by Balfour, argue that character is after all the mainspring of national life and that the chief danger to character these days is the theories advocated by Hyndman and his sympathizers. Rome fell, not because hordes of barbarians arrived and humiliated her but because her spirit, her ancient resisting power—in a word her character—had departed. The Romans had lost their independence in advance through the enervating and pauperizing doles of the Government, which played at being the universal Providence. The Goths and Huns overcame men who were no longer proud and resourceful soldiers but spiritless pensioners of a sentimentally benevolent State.

Dr. Hodgkin, a recognized authority on this subject, invites the attention of British statesmen to the above, all to the effect that pauperizing largesses are causing a sweeping change that is quietly but rapidly taking place.

GIRL STOPS A THIEF.

Elevated Ticket Seller Fires Her Revolver and a Policeman Responds.

James Johnson, 36 years old, who says he has no home, was held in $2,000 bail by Magistrate Geismar in the Fifth avenue police court, Brooklyn, yesterday charged with the attempted larceny of $3 and a gold watch from William Furey of 5524 Third avenue.

Alice Asterland, the ticket agent in the elevated station at Third avenue and Forty-sixth street, said that at 4 o'clock yesterday morning she saw Furey asleep on a bench in the station. A moment later Johnson come in and, going to the ticket window, said that he knew Furey and was going to take his valuables for safe keeping.

Miss Asterland at once opened a window and fired two shots from a revolver to attract whoever might be near. Policeman Taylor of the Fourth avenue station heard the shots, and running up arrested Johnson, who was just leaving the station with the watch and money.

BANK STOCKHOLDERS ASSESSED.

Jewellers National of North Attleboro, Mass., May Pay Off in Full.

NORTH ATTLEBORO, Mass., Feb. 1.—By order of Comptroller of the Currency Ridgely the stockholders of the suspended Jewellers National Bank of this town will be assessed to the amount of 100 per cent. of the par value of their holdings. The institution was capitalized for $100,000, and the sum realized by the assessment will be used to pay the depositors. It is believed now that the depositors will be paid in full and that a dividend of 50 per cent. may be declared about March 1.

The bank suspended on December 18 last, following the sudden death of its cashier, Frederick E. Sargeant. Mr. Sargeant was found dead in the bathroom of his home. Investigation showed that he had appropriated some of the bank's money to his own use.

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