# ASQUITH'S CRISIS AT HAND

### VOTE ON LORDS VETO RESOLUTIONS TO BE ON THURSDAY.

**Little Joy for the Liberals, Who Fear Redmond Will Stand Pat—The $50,000 Polo Expedition Fund—Starvation and the Simple Life—In Society.**

*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN.

LONDON, April 9.—The political pot boils seethingly in Parliament, but the public read listlessly only the headlines in the newspapers, evading the perusal of the long reports of the debates in the House of Commons and the equally dull editorials.

Next week the Liberal Government may begin to discover precisely where it is at in regard to the budget and the Lords veto measures. To-day the Government whips sent urgent notices to the Liberal and Nationalists to attend next week's debates. The veto resolutions debate is destined to be short if not sweet, for the guillotine of closure will automatically cut off the discussion.

On Monday the Government's resolution prescribing that all bills shall become law after three rejections by the House of Lords will enter the committee stage. The debate on this resolution will continue until Thursday, when the guillotine will be applied and a vote taken on the whole resolution. On Thursday night the House will vote on the Government's resolution limiting the duration of Parliaments to five years instead of seven.

NO JOY FOR LIBERALS.

The Liberals have finished the past week without joy. It is conceded that Premier Asquith will have almost insurmountable difficulty in planning his programme to suit both Mr. Redmond and the members of his Cabinet, who are not yet prepared to demand guarantees from the throne, while there is much Liberal uneasiness about the fate of the budget. The Liberals are hoping the Irish will not destroy it. It is admitted that the Irish have the whip hand.

The Liberal leaders trust that the Irish and the bulk of the Liberal party will be satisfied if they receive assurances that if a Liberal majority be again elected the veto bill will become law or the Liberal Government will decline to remain in office. Despite the hopes of the Liberal leaders it is believed that Mr. Redmond will stand up for his demand for guarantees from the throne.

Very few believe that Mr. Asquith will advise the King to take such an extreme step as the creation of 350 new peers. Mr. Redmond demands this guarantee from the throne, but few believe that Mr. Asquith will consent to it. Mr. Asquith is determined to pass the budget, but whether he will stand firm by the Liberals' desire that the Government shall resign office if it cannot devise means to overcome the resistance of the House of Lords to all Liberal measures remains to be seen. Politically Mr. Asquith is between the devil and the deep sea, and the public callously does not care which gets him.

POLO TEAM SUBSCRIPTION.

Viscount Valentia has issued an appeal to the public to contribute a fund of $50,000 to buy ponies to enable an English team to visit New York to endeavor to recover the international polo cup, captured last year by H. P. Whitney's team. Fifteen thousand dollars has been subscribed so far by sporting noblemen, army officers and others. As with a few exceptions the members of the team that will be selected are not wealthy enough to provide ponies it will be necessary for the public to make up the fund or else the team will be unable to go. No part of the fund is to be used to defray the personal expenses of the challengers.

The *Times* makes an eloquent plea on behalf of the fund. It says: "Nobody will contend that we are certain to win back the cup at the first attempt, but that a representative team will have a good sporting chance of success is the opinion of the best judges on both sides of the Atlantic, who realize that our form last year need not be taken into calculation in considering the future."

It strikes Americans in London as odd that millionaire poloists like the Dukes of Westminster, Roxburghe and Portland, Earls Lonsdale, Shrewsbury and Lucan and other wealthy sporting men should appeal to the public instead of providing the fund themselves.

STARVATION IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Official records disclose that 125 persons died of starvation in England and Wales in 1908. Of this number 52 deaths occurred in London. The victims included a former bank manager and an architect. The others were chiefly casual laborers. Few London newspapers comment on these tragic figures except to point out that deaths from starvation are unknown in protectionist countries.

Coincidentally with the publication of the figures the Countess of Warwick made a speech at the opening of the simple life exhibition. She said that England was now entering a period of reaction against luxurious living. The necessity for the simple life, she said, affected the young girls more than it did the mothers. Women had accustomed themselves to all sorts of things, which she supposed would carry them on in the very small part of life left to them, but they had got to feel that those who came after them were going to do better than they had done. Unless things were altered in the case of little ones the empire would fail through the physical deterioration of the young of England.

NOVEL SUBWAY FEATURE.

Americans visiting London this summer will find a novel feature in the subways here that they will certainly remember long enough to tell Mr. Shonts or the Public Service Commission about it when they return to New York. All the underground stations are being brightened by hanging baskets of flowers. The management is offering prizes to station masters making the best floral displays.

HER BEST GIRL.

A novelty was introduced in English wedding customs to-day at the marriage of Miss Pickersgill to Arthur Randolph at the fashionable St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge. The bride was attended by a best girl instead of a bevy of bridesmaids. The best girl did not follow the bride up the aisle as bridesmaids do, but stood at the head of the centre aisle opposite the position of the best man. There she awaited the arrival of the bride and the groom. With the best man the best girl followed the pair down the aisle after the ceremony. The bride said she liked the innovation because it was economical. She had to buy a present for the best girl only instead of for a bevy of bridesmaids.

SUFFRAGE LOVE FEAST.

Four hundred suffragists, suffragettes and members of Parliament have laid aside their dissensions and dined together amicably at the Imperial Hotel. The dinner inaugurated a new organization, the International Women's Franchise Association. The suffragettes listened smilingly to the speeches of the members of Parliament, while the latter accorded great attention to the addresses of the suffragists and suffragettes. By mutual consent all allusion to militant methods was omitted, and the past strife was apparently forgotten.

POLITICS AND SOCIETY.

While all England is dreading the threatened general election no persons are more in despair over the possibility than the society leaders. It is agreed that should the election occur in May it will kill the London season, not only because many people will go abroad after strenuous campaign work but also because the spending powers of many wealthy hosts and hostesses will be seriously depleted and entertainments will be abandoned.

The Household Brigade steeplechases at Hawthorne Hill took many smart women out of London Thursday, while fairly warm weather allowed spring fashions to be seen. Mesdames Drexel and Maidstone, who are indefatigable racegoers, were present, as were also the Countess Pappenheim and daughter, Mrs. Robert McCreary, Mrs. J. J. Astor and Lady Alastair Innes Ker.

Living pictures for charity at the Ritz Hotel and a Chanteclerc ball at the Grafton Galleries were the chief social events of the week. The ball was a success, society willingly donning birds' plumage for variety. Some of the costumes were remarkably beautiful.

Mrs. Lionel Harcourt entertained a number of Liberal women at an afternoon reception on Friday. Ladies Channing and Evans and Mesdames Burns, Robertson and Henry and other Americans were present.

The Countess Gasford has started for Bucharest, where she will be the guest of Minister and Mrs. Carter. During her visit arrangements will be concluded for the marriage of her son to Miss Carter.

Ambassador Reid has gone to Cannes, leaving W. Phillips in charge of the embassy. Mrs. Reid has taken her villa on until May. Mrs. John Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Reid's daughter, will return before that time, however, as she is to receive the King at her country home soon after his arrival in England.

Count Ladislas Szèchènyi has arrived here to meet his wife. He is stopping at Claridge's Hotel, where the Princess Hatzfeldt is also located. The Szèchènyis expect to spend most of their time in London until the wonderful Gladys Castle, their new Hungarian home, is completed.

The Count and Countess Sigray are expected to arrive here from New York on Monday.

The Countess of Suffolk, the Duchess of Marlborough, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Judkins of New York, Col. and Mrs. Osborne of Louisville and Charles Mills of Washington are recent arrivals in Paris.

The Duchess of Roxburghe has returned from the Continent. She will entertain a large house party at Floors Castle during the Kelso races.

### WAR VESSELS LAUNCHED.

**Second Australian Destroyer and Britain's Ninth Dreadnought.**

*Special Cable Despatches to* THE SUN.

GLASGOW, April 9.—The torpedo destroyer Yarra, which is the second unit of the Australian Commonwealth fleet, was launched at Dumbarton to-day. She is supposed to develop a speed of 28 knots an hour. She burns oil fuel only.

GREENOCK, April 9.—The Colossus, Great Britain's ninth Dreadnought, was launched here this morning. The builders made a great record, as it is only nine months since her keel was laid.

The Colossus is the largest British battleship. Her displacement is 22,500 tons, she has a length of 545 feet and is of 27,000 horse-power. She carries, or will carry, ten 12-inch 50-calibre guns and sixteen 4-inch guns. The 12-inchers will be placed in the centre line of the ship, and will enable her to fire all on either broadside.

The Colossus is the first British Dreadnought to be built on the American naval principle, the British naval authorities having at last adopted the United States principle of centre line gun turrets.

### MURDERESS HAS A FIT.

**Countess Tarnowski's Health Broken by Long Ordeal of Her Trial.**

*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN.

VENICE, April 9.—The prolongation of the ordeal of the trial of the Countess Tarnowski for the murder of her second husband, the Count Kamorowski, has had a severe effect on her health.

She had aft in the prison where she is confined this morning, but recovered sufficiently to attend court later on.

### CZAR YIELDS TO THE DUMA.

**Naval Reform Assured at Cost of a Scandal—New Ships.**

*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 9.—The Czar has intimated to M. Gutchkoff, the President of the Duma, that he will grant the petition of that body for the appointment of a revisional court to examine into technical and financial conditions with reference to Russia's martime defence. This consent of the Czar makes it doubly sure that the Duma will ratify the Government's policy in regard to Finland, which in Russian eyes is directly connected with the problem of Russia's future naval position.

It was not until the Council of the Empire made it clear that it would support the Duma in withholding the naval appropriations unless the Admiralty was entirely overhauled that the Czar gave a reluctant consent. It is certain that the Court must wash publicly a great mass of dirty linen and the fame of the late Grand Duke Alexis and the present Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch is certain to suffer in the process.

It is admitted that this year the Treasury is paying for a personnel of 44,000 men in the navy, although virtually there is no war fleet, while Japan has only 36,000 men in her entire navy. What angered even the most loyal wing of the Duma was the Admiralty's practice of converting appropriations voted in 1909 for equipping shipbuilding yards and repairing ships for coast defences to perpetuating the overcrowded condition of the personnel of the service. Vladivostok in 1909 drew 550,000 rubles, about $285,000, in navy pay, although her only seagoing war ships are two cruisers.

The Czar's sanction of the Imperial Defence Committee's scheme for expending 1,300,000,000 rubles, or about $675,000,000, in the next decade in reorganizing and strengthening the army and navy follows the German naval construction law of 1909, which provided for seventeen years in advance. M. Kokovtzeff, the Minister of Finance, proposes to meet the charges of the 750,000,000 rubles which is to be raised for the navy immediately by raising the vodka duty and appropriating for the service what will practically be an internal loan secured on the revenue from the new income tax, which during the first years of its operation is not expected to produce more than 6,000,000 rubles.

# NEW YORK OPERA FOR PARIS

### SENSATION OVER THE METROPOLITAN'S COMING SEASON.

**Woman Suffrage Forging Ahead in France Through Sane Methods—Compulsory Army Nursing Service—Pensions to Stop Infant Mortality—Sociabilities.**

*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN.

PARIS, April 9.—Paris is beginning to have an uneasy feeling that she is losing her place as a musical capital. The announcement of the details of the visit of the Metropolitan opera company to the Châtelet Theatre in May and June has strengthened that feeling, as Paris has realized that the New York company asks her to supply nothing but the theatre and an orchestra.

The New York company's programme has aroused immense interest. The press enthusiastically predicts that the performances will create a sensation during the coming season. There is especial eagerness to see and hear Caruso, who has hitherto only sung at a few charity performances in Paris.

The cause of woman's suffrage is undoubtedly forging ahead. There are none of the noisy public manifestations pursued by the English suffragettes. French women realize that to march through Paris behind a band or to parade on a fire engine would fatally cover their cause with ridicule. Instead meetings are held daily and a regular electoral campaign is carried on.

Five rival suffrage societies, hitherto at loggerheads have reached an agreement. They have succeeded in attracting the attention not only of the press but of several prominent politicians. Their programmes are not limited to women's questions, but include general political questions, such as the abolition of monopolies, the diminution of costs and delays in judicial cases, the prohibition of gambling and the prohibition of the sale of absinthe.

Mme. Durand, one of the leaders, demands a compulsory nursing service for the army among women over 21 years old. Mothers are to be excepted. The system is to continue while compulsory military service for men lasts.

The suffragettes are much perturbed, however, by the sudden resignation of Mme. Bonnardelle, one of the candidates in Paris for the Chamber of Deputies. She declares that women are not prepared to receive the right to vote. They must learn grammar before they think of making speeches. For every thousand women possessing a slight knowledge of the great problems they are seeking to solve there are millions who are utterly ignorant.

Parliament will debate soon a proposed law which, it is believed, will be a great step toward diminishing infant mortality. It provides a pension of from 60 to 180 francs ($12 to $36) for fathers of families bringing up at their own expense at least four children to the age of 13 years and paying taxes not exceeding 20 francs or $4.

It is stated that as a result of the recent debate in the Senate, when the Government was violently attacked for the inferiority of the French army in airships as compared with the German army, it has been decided to order immediately eight dirigible balloons, two each to be built by the Clement-Bayard, Astra, Lebaudy and Zodiac companies. The new airships, with those raised by the subscription of the *Temps* and those presented to the Government by MM. Lebaudy and Spiess, should furnish France with a serviceable fleet of air cruisers.

The chief social event of the week was the musicale given by Ambassador and Mrs. Bacon. The guests included the most notable members of the American colony and titled French people.

Col. E. A. Whitehead of Montreal gave a dinner in honor of Lady Shaughnessy at the Hotel Astoria.

Col. John Jacob Astor, A. L. Drexel and G. L. Peabody have left Paris for the Riviera.

E. C. Converse and his wife of New York and Prof. A. Beardsley and family have gone on automobile tours.

### ELECTRIC CANCER CURE.

**Dr. Massey of Chicago Demonstrates Ionic Surgery in London Hospital.**

*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN.

LONDON, April 9.—The medical sensation of the week has been Dr. G. B. Massey of Chicago, who demonstrated the efficacy of electrical treatment for the cure of cancer at the London Cancer Hospital. Dr. Massey pierced cancerous tissue with three zinc needles coated with mercury. He then turned on an electric current of a thousand millamperes. Soon the cancer bleached and then shrivelled.

The needles were next placed in healthy tissue surrounding the cancer, destroying the outlying colonies of cancer germs and the lines of dissemination were electrically destroyed. The cancer's actual growth was thus killed and a zone of reaction formed around the seat of the disease.

Dr. Massey's demonstration was the first time ionic surgery has been used in Europe. What pleased the distinguished surgeons present was the American's ability to overcome difficulties. When Dr. Massey arrived at the hospital he found the electrical current was 240 volts, while he could use only 110. He instantly overcame the difficulty himself by cutting down the lamps and arranging them in a series so as to reduce the voltage.

The hospital electricians stood about admiringly while Dr. Massey deftly and rapidly did this work.

### CROSS OCEAN FOR ONE DAY STAY.

**Pauline Chase Coming Here From London to Boom Actors' Fund Fair.**

*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN.

LONDON, April 9.—Charles Frohman is sending Pauline Chase on a unique trip to New York to boom the Actors' Fund fair. She will sail on May 4 and arrive on May 10. She will remain in New York that day and will sail for London the next morning.

Miss Chase will carry numerous autographed photographs of English literary and dramatic celebrities, which she will sell at auction at the fair.

Mr. Frohman thinks that Miss Chase's trip of 6,000 miles in order to spend six hours at the fair will be a novel feature for the fair.

### QUEEN'S GIFT TO HELLO GIRLS.

**Helena of Italy Sends Silver Boxes Filled With Sweets to Four Hundred.**

*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN.

ROME, April 9.—The Queen has given a valuable silver mounted box of sweets to each of the 400 telephone girls.

The gift is made in appreciation of their services during the illness of the King's grandmother.

The Queen telephoned to Turin many times daily during that period.


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**Custom Tailored Suits**
**for Women and Misses**

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These suits delineate a character of tailoring and style that is identified only with the highest order of custom hand work. The fabrics are of a superfine quality serge, gray worsted, hairline stripe serge, shepherd's check and basket weave cloth. Designed in a strictly mannish model. Lining of peau de cygne.

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**Street and Dress Coats**
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A collection of distinctive coats developed from pongee, serge, taffeta and lace, in full length and three quarter models.

**Silk Lined Black Voile Skirts**

**8.50**

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Very newest crisp black voile skirts mounted over an excellent quality heavy taffeta drop. Orders accepted Monday only at the special price in event of all skirts being sold before late comers arrive.

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# MUNICH BOYCOTTING BEER

### TOO DEAR, THE THIRSTY SAY, AND TAKE THE WATER CURE.

**Brewers Obstinate, So a Popular Beverage Factory Is Planned—The Kaiser's Heir Suppressed Because He Has Too Much Brains—Americans in Berlin.**

*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN.

BERLIN, April 9.—The beer war in Bavaria is being prosecuted with greater vigor every day. While Munich and other large cities have not yet been reduced to drinking water altogether there has been a vast decrease in the consumption of beer.

The Germans say beer is too high and the brewers must reduce the price. This the brewers have declined to do, and in many towns the people are signing a pledge to abstain from the use of beer until the price has been lowered. Even at funerals and wedding feasts beer is no longer served.

The farmers have been advised to sow less barley this spring in order to teach the brewers a lesson. At one town $30,000 has been subscribed to build a people's brewery which will provide the national beverage at a moderate price.

The beer boycott has not reached Berlin, but the butter boycott, because of the increase of price from 26 to 36 cents a pound, is growing.

The Hochberg-Barnes litigation in New York, in which letters from the Crown Prince Frederick William were read, is causing a lot of discussion about the Crown Prince's character and his relations with his father in the independent press. The radical *Tageblatt* started the discussion. Without concealing its dislike for the Kaiser's internal policy, the *Tageblatt* raises the question of the possibility of the Crown Prince leading an opposition party with more progressive ideas, like the late Emperor Frederick during his father's life.

The *Tageblatt* quotes the assertion of the historian Von Treitschke that all the great Hohenzollerns had to put a tight rein on their heirs, and hints that the present Kaiser is doing the same in order to keep the Crown Prince out of politics.

The *Tageblatt* says the time has come when the Emperor William should permit his son to learn the arts of government. The editor complains that as a result of the Kaiser's policy nobody knows anything about the future Emperor except that he loves his beautiful wife and is devoted to sports and the theatre.

A radical Breslau paper boldly says that the Crown Prince is kept out of politics because he is too clever and progressive for Prussia.

The spring invasion of Americans has not yet started, for which reason society functions in the American colony have been dull.

The Princess Engalitcheff of Chicago stopped over here on her way to Carlsbad from her American home.

Capt. Tyler Moore, formerly an aide of Col. Roosevelt at the White House, and his wife are in Berlin. The Captain is said to be in Europe on a special military mission. He will remain here to meet his former chief and will then return home.

Hart Berg, the European manager of the Wright brothers, has arrived here to watch the German interests of his clients.

St. John Gaffney, the American Consul-General at Dresden, sailed for a visit home on Tuesday.

At the annual meeting of the American Women's Club this week it was announced that the membership had reached 200. The financial affairs of the club, it was stated, are in a flourishing condition.

An eleventh hour change has been made in the cast of Arthur Nevins's Indian opera, "Poia." Florence Easton Simms is to sing *Bratoya* instead of Freida Hempel. The German court intends to make the premiere of Mr. Nevins's opera a brilliant social function.

German musical circles are interested in the discovery of two long lost Mozart symphonies which have been found in the musty archives of the royal library of Berlin. The discovery follows on the heels of the discovery at Jena recently of what the critics believe to be a symphony of Beethoven. The full scores which are now available indicate that the newly found pieces are among the composer's earliest works. They were probably written in 1770, when he was touring Italy as a boy prodigy.

Ernest Kraus, one of the leading tenors of the Royal Opera, has abandoned the stage and intends to lead the simple life of a farmer in Bavaria.

Paul Knupfer, the basso of the Royal Opera, is to make a journey to London to sing at Lady Speyer's musicale on Monday night. He expects to make the round trip in forty-five hours, thus breaking Charles Frohman's famous hustle record. Lady Speyer is an American and a talented violinist.

**Employee of Queens Bureau of Sewers Dismissed.**

Joseph B. Nelson, chief clerk of the Bureau of Sewers of the Borough of Queens, has been found guilty of misconduct, incompetency and neglect of duty and was dismissed yesterday by President Lawrence Gresser. He held the post of chief clerk in the Bureau of Sewers for more than ten years.


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*The 39c kind for 29c*
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**Renaissance Lace Bed Sets**; made of fine quality net with real lace motif; center lace inserting all around and finished with deep valance, edged with lace; price, including bolster sham to match—regularly $3.95; for this sale ..... **$2.45**

**Colored Scrim Curtains**, 3 yards long, different colors, very pretty and effective, regularly $1.95 a pair, at ..... **$1.39**

**Striped Swiss Muslin for Curtains**, good quality, regularly 9c a yard, special at ..... **6c**

**Ruffled Lace Curtains**, Renaissance style, with lace insertion and edge, regularly 98c a pair, at .. **79c**

**3 Fold Screens**, 5 feet high, weathered oak frames, filled with imitation leather; regularly up to $5.00; in this sale at ..... **$2.95**

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**$12.00 American Porcelain Dinner Sets**, with floral decorations, 100 pieces, including soup tureen, at ..... **$8.98**

**$14.00 American Porcelain Dinner Sets**, pretty floral borders and gold edges, at ..... **$9.98**

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**$18.00 Dinner Sets**, of imported china, 100 pieces, with pretty floral border, at ..... **$13.98**

**$20.00 Dinner Sets**, Austrian china; neatly decorated, finished with gold edge, at ..... **$14.98**

**$7.00 Tea Sets**, of 56 pieces, of imported china, fine floral decorations, at ..... **$4.98**

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The "Imperial" screen attaches to the side and sash, and moves up and down with the window on a good strong shade roller. It is encased in a neat metal frame which is not in any way affected by the weather. The screen itself is made of a special fibrous mesh, through which neither flies nor mosquitoes can possibly pass. The screens may be attached to any window, as they come in all widths, from 29 to 36 inches. We are going to sell all sizes at the uniform price of ..... **25c**

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*Goods purchased now will be held for future delivery if desired.*


### FRANCE BUSY WITH ELECTIONS.

**The Chambers Dissolved—No Parliament Now Until June 1.**

*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN.

PARIS, April 9.—The chambers are now closed and France will be without a Parliament until June 1. The electoral campaign has commenced.

Premier Briand left for St. Etienne to-day and will go to-morrow to St. Chamond, where he will preside at noon at a monster banquet of 1,000 covers. He will then outline the reforms he proposes to inaugurate in the new Parliament.

One of the most important of these is to be a bill to secure "proportional representation." His speech will constitute the programme of his party in the elections.

### AMERICANS TURN BRITISHERS.

**Nineteen of Them Last Year, but Six Had Been Born That Way.**

*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN.

LONDON, April 9.—Of the 874 aliens who, according to the Home Office report, became naturalized British subjects last year nineteen were Americans.

Germany contributed the greatest number, 321. Russia came next, with 242. China and Morocco furnished one each.

Of the Americans six were originally Britishers, who were readmitted after having been naturalized as Americans. Among the remaining thirteen were Sir F. J. Campbell of the Normal college for the Blind, who, born in Tennessee, was created a knight last year; Capt. Cody, the aviator, and Mahlon Alanson Sands.

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*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN.

ROME, April 12.—The Freemasons have bought the Palazzo Giustiniani for 2,000,000 lire, or about $400,000.

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### MINISTER CALHOUN WELCOMED

**Luncheon and Reception in Shanghai—Hurrying On to Pekin.**

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SHANGHAI, April 9.—William J. Calhoun the new Minister to China, arrived here to-day. He was escorted by municipal troopers. This afternoon Mr. Wilder, the American Consul-General, entertained him at luncheon and Judge Rufus H. Thayer of the extraterritorial court in the foreign section gave a reception in his honor. He was also entertained by the American Association and the American Women's Club.

Mr. Calhoun will leave here to-morrow by train for Nankin. From the latter point he will take a steamship to Hankow and will again entrain for Pekin.