

AN ODISIOUS BILL.

The Federal Elections Tyranny Denounced.

Prominent Democrats Discuss the Measure.

Tammany Celebrates Independence Day in a Royal Manner.

A Warning Letter From Ex-President Cleveland—Mass Meetings Called. Confederate Veterans Celebrate.

Associated Press Dispatches.

NEW YORK, July 4.—Tammany hall had a big celebration today and a large audience attended the exercises. The first speaker of the day was Congressman Byrum, of Indiana, whose chief glory it is that he received the censure of the Republican speaker of the house of representatives. The founders of the nation, said Mr. Byrum, did not believe a majority, however large, had a right to deprive the minority, however small, of its natural rights. It had a right to govern, but only with due regard to the rights of the minority. Never in the life of the nation had such a deadly thrust at its liberty been made as in the passage of the federal elections bill. This law was not intended for the south alone. It was intended for New York and Indiana. Not satisfied with unseating honestly-elected members of the house of representatives, they devised this scheme to enable them to count out Democrats before they could take their seats. With the voice, with the pen and with the sword the people should ride in their might and prevent the enactment of such a law.

Congressman Crisp, of Georgia, said that the Republicans sought by exciting prejudice against the south, by assailing it with slanders, to secure the passage of the bill; but having made it a law they would soon turn it against New York, being ready to do anything to retain power.

Letters of regret were received from ex-President Cleveland, Gov. Hill and a number of other Democratic governors, senators and congressmen. Letters from Messrs. Cleveland and Hill were followed by loud applause and three cheers for each.

Then came a number of short talks by prominent gentlemen.

Governor Beggs, of Delaware, referring to the election bill, said that he believed in letting the colored man have his rights, but not the white man's rights, too. This is a white man's government, and he believed in supporting his own race.

Congressman Springer said the election bills was an assault upon the liberties of the people, and the day was not far distant when the people may be called upon to make a new declaration of independence.

Congressman McMillin (Tennessee), Allen (Mississippi), Kerr (Pennsylvania), Yoder (Ohio) and Mansur (Missouri) also spoke.

A resolution was unanimously adopted declaring that mass meetings should be called throughout the country to denounce the federal elections bill, and protest against its passage by the senate. Ex-President Cleveland, in his letter, said, in part: "The opportunities and temptations presented to parties which have brought us to the time when party control is far too arrogant, and when in public places the true interests of the people are too lightly considered. In this predicament those who love their country may well remember with comfort and satisfaction on Independence day that the disposition of the American people to revolt against mal-administration still commands them, and is a badge of their freedom and independence as well as their security for continued prosperity and happiness. They will not revolt against their plan of government, for its protection and preservation supply every inspiration of true Americanism. But because they are free and independent American citizens, they will, as long as their love and veneration for their government shall last, revolt against the domination of any political party which, entrusted with power, sordidly seeks only its own continuance, and which, faithlessly violating its plain and simple duty to the people, insults them with professions of disinterested solicitation while it eats out their substance. And yet with all this we should not in blind security deny the existence of danger. The masses of our countrymen are brave and generous; they are strong and therefore confident, and they are honest and therefore unsuspecting. Our peril lies in the ease with which they may be deluded and cajoled by those who would traffic with their interests. No occasion is more opportune than the celebration of the 14th anniversary of American independence to warn the American people of the present necessity on their part of the vigilant watchfulness of their rights and the jealous exaction of honest and unselfish performance of public duty."

Confederates' Patriotism.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 4.—The confederate veterans' reunion had a monster parade today and in the afternoon several thousand people were addressed by Governor Gordon of Georgia in a patriotic speech. Among other things he said: "The south was a loyal country, but we were wrong on the slavery question. There is not a son or daughter of the south today who would have slavery restored. While for years the north and south were deadly enemies, we are forevermore brothers and fellow citizens, and the southerners would today fight as loyally for the flag of our country as any man who fought with Grant and Sherman. Tonight the whole city is illuminated."

A Philanthropic Bishop.

NEW YORK, July 4.—Bishop Wulfrugh of Surinam, will sail hence tomorrow on the steamship Rotterdam. The bishop has made a study of leprosy, and is on his way to New Guinea, where he intends to found a hospital for lepers.

SHE WANTS AN ACCOUNTING.

Mrs. Jewett Believes She is Being Cheated.

CHICAGO, July 4.—A local paper says: "The identity of the company, in the well-known board of trade firm of T. M. Baxter & Co., has always been a mystery. It may be cleared up tomorrow, when Mrs. Jennie M. Jewett, a south-side lady, will file a bill for recovery and accounting. Mrs. Jewett asserts that she is the 'company.' She is the wife of Edward A. Jewett, assistant general manager of the Pullman Palace Car Company. In the bill she alleges that three years ago she paid Baxter \$10,000 for a one-fifth interest in his business, and thought it has returned a profit of between \$75,000 and \$100,000. Since that time she has received no returns from her investment. For this reason her attorney says that she will apply for a receiver and accounting."

A Sad Domestic Tragedy.

NEW YORK, July 4.—This morning during a quarrel between John Lutz and his wife Mary, about their child, Lutz shot his wife four times, inflicting serious if not fatal injuries. Then the infuriated man shot himself through the head three times, and died almost instantly.

Mrs. Lutz had left her husband some time ago because of his cruelty. This morning he entered the house where she was lying in bed with a babe born five days ago. She refused to let him kiss the babe, and he drew a revolver. The sick woman arose from the bed and fled with her babe to an adjacent room, four bullets striking her as she ran. Lutz then killed himself.

It Was Not a Murder.

SPANISHTOWN, Cal., July 4.—The coroner's jury in the case of the man found dead in Green cañon, San Mateo county, June 24th, yesterday decided that the man had not been murdered, as was first thought. The jury decided that death resulted from unknown causes. The dead man's name was Joseph Carquero. He was a native of Italy, aged 68 years. The body was identified by friends and buried by them.

A PERILOUS TRIP.

JOHN SOULES ATTEMPTS TO SWIM THE WHIRLPOOL RAPIDS.

He is Washed Ashore Badly Cut and Exhausted, But Ready to Proceed—Various Escapes From Death.

NIAGARA FALLS, July 4.—John L. Soules, of Muskegon, Mich., today attempted to swim the whirlpool rapids. Samuel Smith, of Louiston, New York, was to have gone through with him in a row-boat, but flunked. Many hundreds of people were on the bridges and bank. Soules entered the water at 3:18 p. m., near the cantilever bridge, on the Canadian side, clad in a wool shirt and trunks, and a cork vest. At 2:20 he came around the abutment of the bridge and was tossed like a cork in the volume of water which there forces itself through the gorge.

When he escaped this current he had comparatively an easy time to the railway suspension bridge, at which point the swift current once more caught him and swept him under the bridge like a flash. Below this bridge there are two large rocks. A breaker carried him over one, and the spectators expected to see him dashed against the other and killed. Luck favored him, however; the current swung him partially around and he pushed away from the rock with his hand. Then another large breaker caused him to turn a summersault, submerging him for a short time and then keeping him stationary in an eddy. The spectators thought he was gone, but he soon swam out, and when near the whirlpool rapids incline railway was washed into an eddy near shore. With the assistance of several spectators he scrambled out on the rocks in a greatly exhausted condition.

He had a cut on the left foot and a terrible gash in the left leg above the knee, which disabled him so that he could not walk. These injuries he received when dashed against a big rock. He said, however, that he would continue his trip through the whirlpool if the manager desired, but the latter refused. It is fortunate for Soules that he was washed ashore, for had he gone through the whirlpool in his condition, he would surely have been killed.

JEALOUS OF THE MONGOL.

Russia's Move to Repress Chinese Advances on the Frontier.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 4.—The Russian government, to counteract the plans of China to make Manchuria an outpost against Russia by building railroads and fortresses in that territory, and inaugurating an extensive colonization scheme, has decided to hasten the construction of the Siberian railway, and to strengthen the garrison in the Amur and Ussuri provinces. The government will also establish colonies throughout these provinces, and no Chinese will be permitted to settle in the territory.

A BIG LAND DEAL.

English Capitalists Buy Millions of Acres of Mexican Soil.

NEW ORLEANS, July 4.—A Picayune, San Antonio, Texas, special says: Information was received here today of the consummation of the biggest land trade in the history of the American continent. The parties to the contract were John Hancock, of Austin, and Robert Sumner, of San Antonio, acting for the owners, and representatives of an English and Holland syndicate. The land lies all in one body in the state of Tamaulipas, Mexico, and comprises between five and six million acres, and also 75,000 head of cattle. The terms are private.

Baseball at Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, July 4.—Considering the many other attractions a good-sized crowd saw the Senators this afternoon defeat the Stocktons. Hoffman pitched a good game, and had fine support in Bowman, Daly and Reitz. The visitors saved a shut-out by making their only two runs in the last innings. Score—Sacramento, 7; Stockton, 2.

THE FOURTH.

Enthusiastic Celebrations All Over the Coast.

Small Towns Celebrated With Country Visitors.

Parades, Speeches and Fireworks the Order Everywhere.

Novel Celebrations in Many Places. Phoenix Meets With a Disaster—The Day Properly Honored.

Associated Press Dispatches.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—The national holiday was celebrated in this city with a considerable display of enthusiasm. The principal feature was a parade in the morning, which was participated in by the United States troops stationed at the presidio. Three full regiments of the California National Guard and two independent companies, besides a large number of civil organizations, including the Pioneers and Native Sons, firemen and industrial unions, state and city officers, and other prominent citizens in carriages, together with several floats representing incidents of revolutionary times also appeared in the procession. The streets along the line of march were gaily decorated and thronged with people. Literary exercises were held this afternoon, and a display of fireworks was given in the evening.

At Fresno City.

FRESNO, Cal., July 4.—Independence day was never more successfully celebrated in Fresno than it was today. Excursion trains were run here from north and south and on the Sanger branch of the Southern Pacific railroad. The city was filled with people, and no accident occurred to mar the festivities. The day was comfortably cool. There was the usual parade, literary exercises, races and balloon ascension at the race track and fireworks in the evening. Dr. A. J. Fedler was president of the day and Geo. E. Church orator.

The Sierra City's Celebration.

SIERRA CITY, July 4.—The Fourth of July was celebrated by literary exercises in the afternoon and a display of fireworks at night.

Salinas, Cal., July 5.—The national holiday was celebrated here with much enthusiasm. Among the features were ox-cams and wagons of pioneer type. After the procession the citizens of the town held a picnic at San Rafael park. The town was brilliantly lighted in the evening and a display of fireworks given.

The Fourth at San Rafael.

SAN RAFAEL, July 4.—The anniversary of American Independence witnessed the most successful celebration to-day in the history of San Rafael. The town was handsomely decorated and great enthusiasm was displayed. A parade was held under the auspices of the fire department, assisted by Co. D, fifth infantry. A parade in the morning was followed by literary exercises and games. A grand ball was given in the evening.

Woodland Celebrates.

WOODLAND, Cal., July 4.—Independence day was observed by a general suspension of business. A military and civic procession was held in the morning. A number of allegorical presentations formed an interesting feature. A large audience afterwards listened to addresses at the opera house.

At St. Helena.

ST. HELENA, Cal., July 4.—The Fourth was patriotically observed in St. Helena by a picnic, and a celebration was given under the auspices of La Carita parlor Native Daughters of the Golden West. Large crowds were present from Napa City, Calistoga and the surrounding country. Hon. F. L. Coombs, of Napa, delivered the oration. The celebration ended with a ball.

Great Crowds at Santa Rosa.

SANTA ROSA, July 4.—Twelve thousand people were in Santa Rosa today. The streets were thronged with people all day. An industrial parade took place at 10 o'clock this morning. Henry E. Highton, of San Francisco, was the orator of the day.

San Mateo's Celebration.

SAN MATEO, July 4.—The entire county joined in the celebration of the Fourth of July in the town of San Mateo today. A procession, formed of the members of the fire departments and lodges throughout the county, paraded the streets. The exercises were held at Coyote Point beach. An oration was delivered by Hon. John I. Darc, of San Francisco. The celebration was the most successful ever held here. It is estimated that the town had 3,000 visitors from San Francisco and elsewhere.

Novel Celebration at Marysville.

MARYSVILLE, Cal., July 4.—The Fourth of July celebration exceeded anything of the kind ever held here before. Fully 4,000 strangers were present. The literary exercises were novel and interesting, being a representation of the continental congress at the time of the adoption of the declaration of independence. A sham battle, which was participated in by military companies from Chico, Colusa and Marysville, was one of the leading attractions of the day.

Portland's River Parade.

PORTLAND, Or., July 4.—Independence day was observed in this city by a parade, participated in by the National Guard, various civic organizations and United States troops from the Vancouver, Washington, barracks. Literary exercises were held in the afternoon, and the celebration concluded by a pyrotechnic display in the evening and an illuminated parade of boats on the river in front of the city. The principal celebrations in Western Oregon were those held in Salem and Medford.

Phoenix, Ariz., July 4.—Because of the warm weather, the exercises incident to the Fourth were held on the parade ground this evening. After the literary

and other exercises had been concluded, fireworks were to be set off on an elevated platform, under the auspices of the local militia company. The first rocket set off the entire display, comprising some large and costly pieces. The scene was more exciting than attractive. There was a general stampede from the neighborhood and a printer named Ambler was seriously injured by jumping from the platform on which the fireworks were stored. One lady, Mrs. Otero, was also injured by falling off a bench. The mishap brought the exercises to an abrupt close.

Races at Coronado.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., July 4.—The Fourth was observed here by a grand parade. The event of the day was the opening of the Coronado race track. Three thousand people were in attendance.

Art Students Receive a Flag.

PARIS, July 4.—The American Art Students' Association today received a flag which was sent by President Harrison. M. Whitelaw Reid, United States minister, made the presentation. Mr. Anderson, president of the association, delivered an oration, and Mr. Reid and General Porter replied. There were six hundred and fifty guests.

Married in a Balloon.

LOWELL, Mass., July 4.—Prof. J. K. Allen made a balloon ascent from the fair grounds this afternoon, taking with him Charles G. Carroll and Miss Lottie Anderson, who were to be married in the presence of upwards of 10,000 people by Rev. W. M. Downs, of Boston. The balloon sailed away in a northerly direction and landed safely in West Newbury this evening.

A Champion's Colors Lowered.

BISHOP, Cal., July 4.—At Independence today Walter Ober beat Ben Rosenthal, the champion of Nevada, five feet in a 100-yard foot race.

FIRES OF THE FOURTH.

THE OLD STOCKTON THEATER BUILDING DESTROYED.

Fire Crackers Destroy a Lumber Yard.—The Usual Blazes of the Day—A Serious Blaze at Truckee.

STOCKTON, July 4.—Fire broke out at 11 o'clock to-night in the rear of the old Stockton theater building, at the corner of Main and Eldorado streets, the same block in which the Western Union office is located. The fire soon burned to the top of the theater building, and that structure will go. The fire dropped through into the dry goods store of Alex Chalmers, under the theater, and firemen went into the store with streams of water. It looks now as if the theater building will be the only one destroyed, but the flames are fierce and may run eastward to a three-story brick in the middle of the block. The block is all brick and the firemen are working hard to control it. Chalmers' loss will be \$20,000, fairly insured. The theater building is owned by Mrs. John McMillan and has been unoccupied for many years.

LATER—The fire has been confined to the Stockton theater building. The principal loser is Alex Chalmers, dry goods dealer. His stock was worth \$30,000 and was insured for \$16,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—A dispatch from Stockton states that the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company is on fire, and the operators had to leave the building.

At Virginia City.

VIRGINIA CITY, Nev., July 4.—A fire-cracker started a fire on Divide street, destroying a large stable, three houses and a number of horses. It is feared that a man was caught in the stable and burned.

A Lumber Yard Burns.

TOWLES, Cal., July 4.—A fire was discovered at 12:40 a. m., in Towle Bros. Company's lumber yard. It raged for four hours, with a loss of from two to three million feet of lumber; insured.

A Serious Blaze at Truckee.

TRUCKEE, Cal., July 4.—At 9 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the roof of the house of Mrs. E. H. Carter, in Stevens street, completely destroying her residence and two houses belonging to D. J. Smith. Mrs. Carter's loss is \$1,500, insured in the Commercial Union for \$850. Smith's loss is \$4,000, insured in the Sun for \$1,300 and the Scottish Union for \$400. J. N. Durney's loss on furniture is \$700, insured in the Providence and Washington for \$400. John Curran's loss on furniture is \$500; no insurance. A very strong wind blowing from the southwest kept the flames from spreading through the town.

Tents Burned at Spokane.

SPOKANE FALLS, Wash., July 4.—Fire destroyed three tents occupied as stores on Sprague, between Lincoln and Post streets, at 7 o'clock this evening. The total loss is \$7,500; insurance, \$1,750.

CASUALTIES OF THE DAY.

A Probable Loss of Five Lives in East Saginaw.

EAST SAGINAW, Mich., July 4.—The Kinney hotel, a two-story building, was set on fire this afternoon by the igniting of fire crackers in a bedroom. James Benham, aged 38, was burned to death, Joseph Miller was probably fatally injured, and three others may sustain fatal injuries. The pecuniary loss is small.

Cameron, Mo., July 4.—During a celebration tonight some fireworks exploded prematurely, injuring Thomas Parsons and others badly. Major Lindner had a leg broken, Miss Haley was seriously burned on the arms and face, and Fred Williams was badly burned.

Pacific Coast Tennis Players.

SAN RAFAEL, July 4.—The Pacific coast single championship tournament of the California Lawn Tennis Club commenced here today, with a large attendance. A. Taylor, of the California club, and H. H. Haight, of the Lakeside club, made the best scores. The tournament will be finished tomorrow.

ON THE COAST.

A Band of Horse-thieves Raiding Washington.

A Large Number of Horses Run Across the Line.

Interesting Bicycle Races Held Yesterday at San Jose.

A Los Angeles Cyclist Wins One of the Events—A Shooting at Truckee. General Coast News.

Associated Press Dispatches.

ST. PAUL, July 4.—A Spokane Falls, Washington, special says: Horse-thieves have made a grand round-up in eastern Washington and northern Idaho during the past few days. The method of their operations indicate that they have a regularly organized band with leader. Saturday and Sunday last they rendezvoused near this city and hastened away with 500 head of horses toward the British Columbia line, through the Flathead indian country, in North eastern Montana. A Walla Walla farmer reports the loss of fifty head, which he traced to within a few miles of Spokane Falls. William Lewis, of Crenay, lost a stallion for which he paid \$1,200. A large number of ranchers have organized for the purpose of the pursuit of thieves, but with little hope of success, as they have a good start. A battle is sure to occur if the pursuers overtake them.

CYCLISTS AT SAN JOSE.

AN INTERESTING PROGRAMME RUN OFF YESTERDAY.

SAN JOSE, July 4.—Fifteen hundred people attended the races given by the California division of the League of American Wheelmen here today. The following are the winners: Quarter mile dash—R. E. Dow, San Jose; time, 44 seconds.

One mile, safety state championship—J. E. Ives, Alameda; time, 3:18 3/5.

One mile, novice—Al Rivett, Sacramento; time, 3:12.

One mile, district championship—Henry Smith, San Jose; time, 3:03 3/5.

Three-mile handicap—W. R. Lipsett, San Jose; time, 10:09 2/5.

Half mile dash, state championship—D. L. Burke, Los Angeles; time, 1:33.

One mile tandem safety—George Osen and William Edwards, of San Jose; time, 3:19.

Five-mile district championship—Julius Smith, San Jose; time, 16:58 1/5.

One-mile handicap—George Swain, Stockton, 75 yards; time, 3:01 2/5.

Two-mile safety handicap—J. F. Ives, San Jose, 75 yards; time, 3:44 1/5.

UNION LABOR CONVENTION.

D. Gilbert Dexter Nominated for Congressman of the Sixth District.

FRESNO, July 4.—The state convention of the United Labor party was called to order today by Carl Browne, chairman of the state central committee. A large number of Nationalists participated. The following ticket was nominated: Governor, Henry Clay Wilson, of Tehama; lieutenant-governor, John Redstone; secretary of state, W. C. Owen; attorney-general, Laura DeFore Gordon; superintendent of public instruction, Addie L. Ballou; Chief justice of the supreme court, Judge E. D. Wheeler; congressman from the sixth district, D. Gilbert Dexter; railroad commissioner of the southern district, T. R. Jones. Carl Browne was re-elected chairman of the state central committee.

A Blood-Thirsty Young Man.

TRUCKEE, Cal., July 3.—This afternoon William C. Smith, aged 22, shot his grandfather, John J. Gosney, aged eighty-four. Smith had difficulty with a man on the street and came to blows. He then hastened home and got a Winchester rifle. The grandfather attempted to disarm him, when the gun was discharged. The bullet struck Gosney in the forehead, but glanced upward along the skull, inflicting an ugly but not dangerous wound. Smith immediately ran from the house and concealed himself in the willows below town. Officer Zeeter pursued and disarmed him, being compelled to knock him down with a rifle before he would surrender. He is now in jail. It is thought that Gosney will not prosecute his grandson.

Building a New Capitol.

DENVER, July 4.—The corner stone of the new capitol building was laid here today by the F. and A. M. of Colorado with most impressive ceremonies. Ex-Congressman Belford made the address on behalf of the state. It was a masterpiece of oratory.

A Big Enterprise.

The indefatigable gentlemen who are erecting Redondo, Messrs. Thompson, Ainsworth and Ainsworth, have completed the details of improvements of great magnitude, which will soon be begun. A grand and commodious iron pier, such as Coney island boasts, is to be constructed, which will give room for the largest ships to tie to. It will be a double-decker, with passenger and freight decks. A line of fast, commodious and elegant steamers will then be put on between Redondo and San Francisco with a tri-weekly service. With this important event the merchant, the farmer and the producer will be freed from arbitrary carrying rates. The overland passenger, worn and dusty from his long, cramped ride, can recuperate with a short and beneficent sea voyage, or rest for a day more by the surging sea before completing his journey. Captain R. B. Thompson and Captain J. C. Ainsworth, who are at the head of this gigantic enterprise, are old steamship men and know the needs of commerce and the wants of the traveling public. Over all will be the keen and steady supervision of Captain Geo. J. Ainsworth, a son of the elder captain.—(Redondo Compass.

TERRIFIC LAKE STORMS.

The Roughest Weather Ever Experienced at This Season of the Year.

CHICAGO, July 4.—A terrific gale prevailed on Lake Michigan last night and today, and much damage was done to shipping. There were, however, fortunately few casualties. Old vesselmen say that the storm was the worst for this season ever known. A number of vessels put out last night in spite of the warning signals, and most of them were compelled to beat back to port as best they could. The schooner Gladiator was capsized and her commander, Captain Trotton, drowned. The steamship City of Chicago left early last evening for Grand Haven with about a thousand passengers on board. She made about twenty-five miles, when the captain found himself obliged to put about and run for Chicago. After a terrific experience in wild seas, the steamer managed to reach her dock. The schooner Naisid, when endeavoring to make calm water just outside the break-water, where a number of vessels were anchored, was thrown by a heavy sea into collision with two other schooners. One seaman was lost, and all three vessels met with slight damage.

A Mob's Bold Bluff.

PULLMAN, Wash., July 4.—Two men arrested last night on suspicion of firing the town were taken from jail by citizens at 3 o'clock this morning and led under a ruck gallows. Nooses were placed about their necks and they were told to prepare to die. The intention of the mob was to frighten the men into confessing if they knew anything about the origin of the fire. The men protested their innocence and could not be made to divulge anything. They were then led back to jail.

Wanted for Abduction.

HEADLERSBURG, Cal., July 4.—A warrant was this morning placed in the hands of a deputy sheriff for the arrest of John Metcalf, an itinerant photographer, who on the fifth of last June eloped with Miss Laureta Robinson and went to Ventura county. The young lady in question is 16 years of age, and is the daughter of a widow lady of this city.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE TRUE STORY OF THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT MENEZES.

He Died "Defending the Presidency"—The British Conservatives' Position Becoming Insecure.

CITY OF MEXICO, July 4.—The Official Gazette has published a telegram from General Ezeta, provisional president of San Salvador, announcing his taking possession of the presidency after the death of General Menendez, who was "killed while defending the presidency." President Diaz sent a dispatch acknowledging the telegram, and there is no doubt that Mexico will recognize the new election. The *El Union Universal* publishes a sensational article on San Salvador, in which it is stated that Menendez died riddled with bullets.

NEW YORK, July 4.—News from Mexico says that the editor of *Voz de Mexico* was thrown into prison and the paper denounced by the government; why it is not stated.

BUENOS AYRES, July 4.—The Argentine government has indefinitely postponed the loan bill.

BUENOS AYRES, July 4.—Owing to the suspension of the payment of dividends, National Bank shares fell almost to par, but on account of purchases yesterday, on behalf of London speculators, they rose again and are quoted at 40 per cent. premium.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

Gladstone's Amendment Defeated by a Narrow Margin.

LONDON, July 4.—Lord Salisbury announced in the house of lords today that the Anglo-German agreement was signed Tuesday. He tabled the bill affirming the session of Heligoland. He said that the agreement made the inhabitants of Heligoland subject to German law, a special exception being made in the case of those now living there, who would not be subject to conscription. The bill passed the first reading.

In the house of commons the committee negatived Gladstone's amendment against the suspension of bills from one session to another. The vote stood 11 to 9. It is reported in conservative circles, that owing to the narrowness of the majority against Gladstone's amendment the government will abandon the proposal to carry over the bill.

An Aeronaut's Horrible Death.

ST. LOUIS, July 4.—A special to the Republic from Beardstown, Ill., says that Prof. S. Black, an aeronaut, met with a horrible death at that place this afternoon. When at the height of 400 feet he signalled that he was about to descend, but something seemed to have gone wrong with his parachute. A minute later a stream of smoke was seen issuing from the parachute, which in a few seconds burst into flames, severing the parachute from the balloon, and the aeronaut was seen falling through space at a frightful speed. Half an hour later the body was found horribly mangled. It is supposed that the parachute caught fire from sparks from a mill near by.

Turmoil in Armenia.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 4.—A serious conflict between Turks and Montenegres occurred near the Lake of Scutari. The Turks were the aggressors. The British charge d'affaires has protested to the porte against the danger of allowing the reign of anarchy in Armenia to continue.