BRITAIN IN BRIEF.

A THIN HOUSE OF COMMONS ON THE REOPENING.

Balfour's Change in the Irish Land-Bill—Parnell's Support of It and His Explanation—Notes.

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LONDON, May 22.—Hardly 20 per cent. of the members of the House of Commons reappeared on the opening of the House yesterday. The influenza, the tedium of the land bill, and discontent over the lengthiness of the recess combined to present an array of empty benches. To-day the attendance was so meagre that the whips were obliged to gather members from the lobbies and even to send to the clubs to get a sufficient number to make a quorum.

THE CHANGE WROUGHT BY BALFOUR.

Yet the final state of the land bill has been the occasion of a momentous change, going to the root of the whole matter. The weariness of the House has enabled Mr. Balfour, after a brief delay, to transmute the bill and vitally alter its character. In its original form the measure provided £30,000,000 advanced from the Imperial Exchequer on the lines of the Ashbourne act to enable a transfer of larger holdings, to the advantage of the great landlords and well-to-do farmers.

THE BALFOUR PROPOSITION.

Mr. Balfour's new clause at first proposed that the greater part of the purchase-money be advanced on holdings under £30. Mr. Parnell estimated that the alteration would enable 150,000 tenants to come under the provisions of the bill who would otherwise have been excluded. His estimate was based upon official statistics, showing that 92 per cent. of the whole tenantry paid less than £36 pounds. Under pressure from Irish Liberal members Mr. Balfour consented to reduce £30 as the limit.

THE CHANGE OF SMALL CONSEQUENCE.

The change is of small consequence, as the number of tenants paying between £30 and £50 rent is only 7 per cent. of the whole. The new clause passed the committee stage without opposition presented an old medley of Radicals, McCarthyites, Liberal-Unionists and Ulster Conservatives. The main body of Liberals supported the Government, which claimed that the measure now gives small farmers their share of the money advanced. The debate Mr. Healy and Mr. Sexton thanked Mr. Parnell for upholding the proposals for which he had hitherto denounced as the enemy of Ireland.

PARNELL'S DEFENCE OF HIS ACTION.

Speaking at a League meeting to-night Mr. Parnell responded. He said that in the acceptance of the new clause lay the ultimate solution of the land question. Though it was a Conservative measure and was given through a man who had proposed the tenure of offices it was a good bill if driven from public life for such, he would cheerfully yield, being content that it was among the greatest services he had ever fallen to his lot to render Ireland.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND MATTER.

The consideration of the Newfoundland bill in the House of Commons is fixed for Thursday. In spite of the Colonial Legislature requiring it to discuss their measure the Government have the imperial measure. The ministers claim that the Newfoundland will pass a law in harmony with the imperial policy.

D'ISRAELI TO THE FRONT AGAIN.

Lord Coningsby Disraeli, nephew of Beaconsfield, attributing the recent Conservative defeats to the absence of an organization similar to that of the Liberals, has found a response throughout the party. Disraeli accuses the Conservative executive of neglecting constituencies and failing to keep pace with the Liberal tactics. The political clubs have been asked to inquire into the charges against the executive. The prominent leaders, Wire-pullers, Chamberlain and Captain Middleton, will be replaced by a single functionary with supreme control over Conservative elections, similar to the power possessed by the Liberal chief over Liberal elections. The Conservatives, however, must first find their Schnadhorst. The open discussion resulting from Disraeli's bad taste in the Primrose League has insight the disorganized state of the Tory ranks.

THE INFLUENZA.

The earlier is intensifying the influenza. Mr. Moulton, president of the Wesleyan conference; the Samoan missionary, Dr. Turner, Sir James Ferguson, Earl Compton, Colonel Fisher, and Sir Redvers Buller are among those that have been recently attacked. Obituaries of several London daily newspapers are included. Dangerous sequelæ of the disease are frequent.

A STORM IN PARIS.

Much Damage Done and Much Alarm Created—A Cloudburst.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

PARIS, FRANCE, May 22.—A terrific storm swept over this city yesterday evening, causing considerable damage and creating much alarm. In the passage of the storm a huge cloud burst in the Champ Elysees, traversed the Place de la Concorde, and burst in the Jardin des Tuileries, uprooting trees, destroying lawns and flower-beds, and washing out pathways. In addition, a thunder-bolt fell into the Esplanade des Invalides, but luckily there was no loss of life. Consternation prevailed in the neighborhoods most attacked by the storm.

Portugal in Better Shape.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

LISBON, May 22.—Senhor Marihanho Carvalho, the Minister of Finance, in an interview to-day said he had full confidence in the future of the country. Everything, he said, could be retrieved by a strong Government, combined with serious economic reforms. The Government, he maintained, ought to favor the formation of large companies in Mozambique to develop the natural resources of that territory.

The payment of the coupons of the Portuguese foreign railroad bonds due July 1st is assured.

The King to-day received the members of the new cabinet and administered to them the oath of office.

THE NEW CABINET O. K'D.

LISBON, May 22.—The new Cabinet has been well received by the press. It seems probable that the different parties in the Chamber of Deputies will be completely reconstructed.

The French Tariff Debate.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

PARIS, May 22.—In the debate on the tariff in the Chamber of Deputies to-day the right of the Government to make treaties was discussed. Ministers Ribot and De Freycinet maintained that the Government has the right to make treaties modifying even a minimum tariff with the assent of the Chamber. A motion to reject the first article of the tariff bill as inconsistent with the Government's power to change the minimum tariff was rejected by a vote of 342 to 162.

The Grand Old Man Himself Again.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

LISBON, ENG., May 22.—Mr. Gladstone has recovered from the attack of influenza from which he has been suffering for some time past and this morning left London for his residence at Cannes. A large number of his admirers assembled at the railway station here to witness his departure, and when he appeared he was warmly cheered.

Ten Men Killed; a Number Injured.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

CARDIFF, WALES, May 22.—A terrible accident took place to-day at the Pont-y-Pridd colliery near Lantwit, this (Glamorgan) county. It was caused by a bungle in firing a blast, which brought down a portion of the roof, crushing ten men fatally and injuring a number of others.

The Scattered Nation.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

ODESSA, RUSSIA, May 22.—The police here are plundering hagely by blackmail on wealthy Jews.

Prominent Jews think the time is not ripe to form a Jewish nation in Palestine, as wealthy Jews will not invest capital in such a hopeless enterprise.

To Protect Against Natalie's Expulsion.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

BELGRADE, May 22.—The Liberals are organizing meetings throughout Servia for the purpose of protesting against the expulsion of ex-Queen Natalie. They assert that the manner in which the expulsion was executed was a flagrant violation of the Constitution.

The Russo-French Entente.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

BERLIN, May 22.—The Cologne *Gazette* says that previous to the Czar's visit to the exposition at Moscow a French squadron is expected to visit with 20,000 rifles for the Russian army, and that the French officers will accompany the Czar to Moscow.

Further Action Against the Jews.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

ST. PETERSBURG, May 22.—A law prohibiting the acquiring by Jews of leasehold property, factories, and other industrial establishments will shortly be applied to the whole of Russia with the exception of the Jewish zones.

Revolution in the Argentine.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

BUENOS AYRES, May 22.—A revolution has broken out in the province of Cordoba. The insurgents have cut the telegraph-wires.

The Kentucky Republican State Ticket.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

LEXINGTON, KY., May 22.—The Republican State Convention closed its labors by nominating the following ticket: For Governor, T. A. Nunn of Mt. Sterling; Attorney-General, L. J. Crawford, of Newport; Treasurer, Eli Farmer, of Somerset; Superintendent of Public Instruction, L. V. Dodge, of Berea; Registrar of Land-Office, W. J. A. Bardin, of Greenup; Clerk of the Court of Appeals, E. R. Blaine, of Lexington. The resolutions adopted endorse President Harrison's Administration and the new Kentucky Constitution, and pray Congress for an election law that will give every American citizen equal rights at the polls.

Government Purchases of Silver.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22.—The amount of silver offered for sale to the Treasury Department to-day was 754,000 ounces and the amount purchased 300,000 ounces at 97.15a97.23.

The Scandalous Case of Raum, Jr.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22.—Attorney-General Miller has referred all the papers submitted to him by the Civil-Service Commission in the cases of Green B. Raum, Jr., and the other persons alleged to have been connected with irregular appointments to minor positions in the Pension Office to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for whatever action is required by the law. Civil-Service Commissioner Roosevelt to-day, in speaking of Green B. Raum, Jr., said that the commission was the first to bring up the case, and that it has done all it has power to do in the matter. It has called the case to the attention of the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Attorney-General, and it was in consequence of this that the Secretary of the Interior took action.

GOVERNMENT FINANCIERING.

The Pension Payments—The 4½ Per Cent. Bonds—The Gold Shipments.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Secretary Foster said this morning that he anticipated no difficulty in meeting the quarterly pension payments, aggregating $26,000,000, which fall due June 4th. The available cash balance is now nearly $16,000,000 and will go beyond $26,000,000 by the early part of June by reason of the continued excess of receipts over expenditures. The Secretary said there would be no necessity, so far as he could see, for calling in any of the Government deposits held by the national banks to meet pension obligations. This bank fund now amounts to $24,500,000 exclusive of the money deposited to the credit of disbursing officers.

Secretary Foster said further in response to inquiries on the subject that while it was not altogether settled, it was more than likely that the department would give to holders of the $50,000,000 4½ per cent. bonds outstanding an opportunity to renew those bonds after September 1st at a reduced rate of interest. The Secretary said a San Francisco banker had given the opinion that these bonds could be floated at 1½ per cent. interest. He, however, did not think such a thing feasible with an interest rate of less than 2 per cent. It was his impression that the matter would be settled definitely in a short time.

He said that the recent gold shipments had clearly established one thing, and that was that the credit of the United States was above that of any other nation, and could not be shaken by the severest drain.

The financial situation was considered at the meeting of the Cabinet to-day, but without result so far as known.

Unless the Secretary of the Treasury decides to continue the 4½ per cent. bonds beyond the date of their maturity—September 1st next—without abatement of interest, it will be necessary for him to give three months' notice to the bondholders of his policy in regard to that bond. This will have to be done under the law, either in case he decides to redeem the bonds at maturity or in case he decides it best to extend them at a reduced rate of interest.

A circular on this subject will be issued by the Treasury Department in a few days. It will announce that the present rate of interest on the 4½ per cent. loan will cease on September 1st and will probably say that the holders of all such bonds as do not desire their redemption at that date may secure their continuance at the interest rate of 2 per cent., thus allowing owners the option of retaining their bonds at a lower rate of interest if they desire to do so without placing the Government in the position of asking for more time.

SAD RESULT OF THE DAVIS FAILURE.

The President of the Hill Shoe Company Commits Suicide.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 22.—The Hill Shoe Company failed yesterday, and William Vilas Hill, the president of the company, immediately thereafter committed suicide. The failure of the firm was directly due to the failure of the Lynn Davis Shoe Company, which owed the Hill Shoe Company between $300,000 and $400,000.

President Hill received a telegram from the Lynn firm about 4 o'clock yesterday advising him to assign to protect himself. He gave orders soon after that this be done and without a word left the store. He went directly to his home on Poplar street, reaching there about 6 o'clock. Climbing over the rear fence he entered the house by the back door and went to his room. Here he undressed, and taking a Winchester rifle from its position over the fireplace, went to the bath-room, where he shot himself. No member of Mr. Hill's family was at home and the seven did not hear the shot. The body was found when cold by a member of the family who had returned home for dinner. He was thirty-two years old, prominent in social circles, and a nephew of ex-Postmaster-General Vilas.

The liabilities of the company are about $400,000 and the assets $200,000, the creditors being principally eastern parties.

The Turf.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

GRAVESEND, N. Y., May 22.—Another good day's racing was witnessed here to-day, but it was not greatly enjoyed by the 3,000 persons present, for the very good reason that outsiders in the betting were entirely too prominent at the finish. One favorite was successful, another ran a dead heat with a 6 to 1 shot and the other winners consisted of a 5 to 2 shot, 1 at 12 to 1, and 2 at 30 to 1. The war between the track and the pool-rooms was carried on with renewed vigor and it looks as though sooner or later some one would get hurt. To-day notices were posted all over the entrance notifying persons that no one would be allowed to leave the track between the hours of 2 and 4:30, and Pinkerton's policemen were present in large numbers to enforce the notice. The weather was the mildest that has been experienced during the meeting.

First race—speepstakes, $1,000 added, one mile—Prince Royal and Reclaire made a dead-heat for first place; Nellie Bly third. Time, 1:44½.

Second race—sweepstakes, $1,000 added, five furlongs—Promenade won; Anna E. second, Nimon third. Time, 1:03¾.

Third race—handicap sweepstakes, one and one-sixteenth miles—Jack Rose Longstreet won; Senorita second, Bermuda third. Time, 1:53¾.

Fourth race—the Falcon stakes, for three-year-olds, $1,000 added, one and one-sixteenth miles—Lepanto won; India Rubber second, Hoodlum third. Time, 1:51¾.

Fifth race—handicap sweepstakes, $1,000 added, six furlongs—Baldwin won; Tanner second, Bollwood third. Time 1:16¼.

Sixth race—selling, sweepstakes, $1,000 added, one mile and a furlong—Carroll won; Frontenac second, Kingsbridge third. Time, 1:56.

ENTRIES FOR TO-DAY.

First race—three-quarters of a mile—Ermentrude, Coldy, Vernon, Coxswain, Patrimony (colt), Hell-Gate, McCormack, Lady Longfellow (colt), 111; Spinalong, 108.

Second race—one and one-eighth miles—Eon, Banquet, 114; Text, 108; Lavinia Belle, 100; Bermuda, 97.

Third race—one mile—Bermuda, Picknicker, Dr. Hasbrook, Baldwin, Woodcutter, Portchester, Mr. Cass, Pessara, 117; Lizzie, 112; Reydel-Rey, 107.

Fourth race—five and a half furlongs—Nomad, Victory, Othmor, His Highness, Rex, Moderator (colt), Mt. Vernon, Happy John, Georgie, St. Florian, Fred. Lee, Maria (colt), Uncle Sim, Airshaft, 118.

Fifth race—one and one-quarter miles—Kingston, 126; King Thomas, 106.

Sixth race—one and one-sixteenth miles—Costa Rica, Kern, 104; Kempland, Admiral, 112; Pearl Set, 95; Hoodlum, Vosburg, 101; Gypsy Queen, 109; B. B. Millian, 102; Vivid, 105; Rambler, 106; Kingsbridge, 107; Saluta, 97.

Seventh race—three quarters of a mile—Detroit, Airplant, Nellie James (colt), Gambler, King Mac, Merry Monarch, 100; Piccadilla, 108.

THE LOUISVILLE RACES.

LOUISVILLE, KY., May 22.—First race—one mile—Sir Planet won; Bob Forsythe second, Tarquin third. Time, 1:47½.

Second race—five furlongs—The Hero won; Buckbound second, Dore third. Time, 1:06¾.

Third race—one and one-eighth miles—Longshore won; MaBelle second, Jugutha third. Time, 2:00¼.

Fourth race—six furlongs—Greenwich won; Faleiso second, Unadilla third. Time, 1:20.

Fifth race—one and one-sixteenth miles—Dolikins won; Parametta second, Alphonse third. Time, 1:52¾.

AN ENGLISH EVENT.

LONDON, May 22.—The Manchester cup or 2,000 sovereigns handicap at the Manchester Whitsuntide meeting was won by Mr. R. C. Vyner's five-year-old brown mare Lily of Lumley, by Uncas or Thurio out of Lady Lumley. The Duke of Beaufort's three-year-old Black colt Regimunde, by Petronel out of Ragman Roll, was second, and Mr. P. Buchanan's three-year-old brown colt The Admiral, by Victor Emanuel out of Helen Agnes, third.

The Diamond.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22.—To-day's games of base-ball resulted as follows:

		R.	B.H.	E.
At Washington (Association):				
Washingtons	1 1 0 0 2 1 1 0 3—	9	13	5
Louisvilles	0 0 0 0 0 2 1 3 0—	6	11	1
Batteries—Foreman and McGuire; Ehret, Daly, and Ryan.				
At Philadelphia (Association):		R.	B.H.	E.
Athletics	1 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0—	3	6	8
Cincinnati	0 0 0 1 2 0 0 2 x—	5	7	5
Batteries—Callahan and McKeough; Dwyer and Vaughn.				
At Baltimore (Association):		R.	B.H.	E.
Baltimores	0 2 1 3 0 3 6—	15	16	6
Columbus	1 0 2 0 0 2 2—	7	5	6
Batteries—Cunningham and Townsend; Easton and Connor.				

Rain stopped the game.

		R.	B.H.	E.
At Boston (Association):				
Bostons	4 0 1 0 3 3 0 1 0—	9	12	1
St. Louis	0 3 0 0 3 1 0 0 0—	7	11	5
Batteries—O'Brien, Daley, and Farrell; Griffith and Boyle.				
At Cincinnati (League):		R.	B.H.	E.
Cincinnatis	3 1 0 1 2 0 1 0 0—	8	10	1
New Yorks	0 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0—	3	11	4
Batteries—Rhines and Harrington; Welsh and Clark.				
At Cleveland (League):		R.	B.H.	E.
Clevelands	0 0 0 0 4 1 0 0—	5	8	1
Bostons	0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1—	3	10	3
Batteries—Young and Zimmer; Nichols and Ganzel.				

At Pittsburgh (League): The Pittsburgh-Brooklyn game postponed on account of rain.

At Chicago (League): The Chicago-Philadelphia game postponed on account of rain.

How the Clubs Stand.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.
Chicagos	18	7
Pittsburghs	14	11
Bostons	13	13
Philadelphias	13	13
Clevelands	14	14
New Yorks	10	16
Brooklyns	10	16
Cincinnatis	10	16

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

	Won.	Lost.
Bostons	25	10
Baltimores	22	10
St. Louis	21	16
Athletics	15	17
Cincinnatis	17	21
Louisvilles	17	22
Columbus	14	22
Washingtons	9	22

The Ladies Delighted.

The pleasant effect and the perfect safety with which ladies may use the liquid-fruit laxative, Syrup of Figs, under all conditions make it their favorite remedy. It is pleasing to the eye and to the taste, gentle, yet effectual in acting on the kidneys, liver, and bowels.

COTTON CONSUMED.

FIRED BY SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION AT LAURINBURG, N. C.

A Missing Railroad Agent—Commencement at Chapel Hill June 2d—To Copy the Direct-Tax Lists.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., May 22.—A fire at the Roberdell Mills at Laurinburg burned 111 bales of cotton. It was caused by spontaneous combustion of some old bagging.

ACTING STRANGELY.

The railway agent at Southern Pines, who was sent there from Henderson last Tuesday, has gone no one knows where. He left yesterday morning and was last seen behaving in a singular manner on a road some miles from Southern Pines. His name is Wheeler and it is feared his mind is affected. He is about eighteen.

A STILL CAPTURED.

The revenue collector of this district to-day received a report of the seizure near Hadley's Mills, in Chatham county, of an illicit distillery, said to be operated by Henry Thomas.

Governor Holt goes to the State University commencement at Chapel Hill June 2d. Notice was to-day given the trustees to meet there that day to elect a new president of the University.

FEMALE COPYISTS.

Next Monday seven female copyists will begin the work of transcribing the direct-tax lists, so that the latter can be sent to the various counties.

THE LOLA EDWARDS CASE.

She Admits She Abandoned the Child, but Takes It Again to Save Trouble.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., May 22.—Lola Edwards, the white woman charged with abandoning her infant child here Tuesday night, had a hearing before Judge Whitaker at Henderson to-day on *habeas corpus* proceedings. Her brother admitted the child was hers. The child was taken to Henderson to-day. After hearing the evidence the Judge discharged the woman.

PROBABLY FROM NORFOLK.

The police learned to-day that the woman went to a place near Selma some time ago. It is said Norfolk is her home. She stated to-day she was willing to take the child rather than have more trouble. No less than sixteen applications for the child had been made to the police by persons wishing to adopt it.

COAL CONSUMPTION IN THE NAVY.

An Order from Secretary Tracy with Respect to the Matter.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, May 22.—As the new navy increases and full-powered steam vessels take the place of the old wooden ships which relied in part upon their sail-power for propulsion the amount of coal consumed increases in rapid proportion. This fact has led to the issue of the following order by the Secretary of the Navy:

"*General Order No. 530.*

"Officers in command of naval forces, whether squadrons or single ships, are directed to practice the utmost economy in the use of coal.

"At the first favorable opportunity after the receipt of this order commanding officers of vessels will make experiments in order to ascertain the most economical rate of speed for their ships under the conditions of ordinary service and fair weather. Reports will be made to the department stating the consumption of coal per hour at varying rates of speed from five to eleven knots, the kind and quality of coal used, the condition of the bottom as far as known, and such remarks in reference to the most economical rate of steaming the vessel as the experience of the commanding officer may suggest.

"Vessels with sail-power not cruising in a squadron, when they have a fair wind sufficient to carry them more than four knots an hour, will make ordinary passages under sale alone, steam being employed only when going in and out of port. It is expected that vessels cruising under steam, whether in squadron or singly, will not exceed their most economical rate except in cases of emergency where the nature of the service requires a high speed; and in such cases a report will be made to the department explaining the necessity for such increased speed and stating its extent and duration and the quantity of coal consumed in consequence."

THE 'FRISCO FIGHT.

Its Result Most Unsatisfactory—Practically a Draw—Both Bruisers Cheered.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—The Corbett-Jackson fight last night resulted most unsatisfactorily. Referee Cook's decision of "no contest," which was given at the end of the sixty-first round after the men had been in the ring four hours and five minutes, is generally accepted as equivalent to a "draw" decision. Both men were then so weak that it was plain to every one that they could not be expected to strike another effective blow if they remained in the ring till daylight. The first half of the fight was the most scientific contest ever seen on the Pacific Coast, but the last thirty rounds were simply a walk around. After fighting two hours honors were about evenly divided, though if there was any advantage it was in Jackson's favor. Then Corbett rallied. For two rounds he pounded Jackson and had him greatly distressed, but the San Francisco man played himself out in that effort, and with the exception of occasional rallies there was nothing done by either man during the next two hours. In the last few rounds Jackson staggered around the ring and Corbett was in but little better condition. Both men were heartily cheered at the conclusion of the fight.

ALL BETS OFF.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., May 22.—In view of Referee Cook's decision in the Jackson-Corbett meeting last night that the fight was "no contest," a meeting of the Board of Directors will probably be held to discuss the matter. All bets on the final result of the fight are off.

A TERRIBLE STORY.

Brutal Maltreatment and Murder of a Young Girl—Swift Vengeance.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

LOUISVILLE, KY., May 22.—A story of a brutal assault and murder and of swift vengeance on the murderers comes from Sandy Hook, a mountain town near Ashland, in Eastern Kentucky. Near Sandy Hook Maud Fleener died recently from being thrown by her horse and assaulted by George and John Wilcox, brothers, who had been her suitors. She had promised to marry Amos Queen, who had met her while she was teaching school near Sandy Hook, and about three weeks ago started to visit a friend near where she had taught. The Wilcoxes were passing along the road she travelled, saw her coming, hid in the bushes, scared her horse, the horse ran away, she was thrown, and had both legs broken. The Wilcoxes picked her up unconscious, revived her, drew straws as to which she should be compelled to marry, bore her to a cabin, and demanded that she agree to marry John, to whose lot she fell. She refused and fainted. They tried to set her legs and kept her a prisoner in the cabin. When found by her brother and affianced she said: "The Wilcoxes did it," and died soon afterward. Examination showed that she had been chained to the cabin wall and had also been criminally assaulted. The Wilcoxes were captured and confessed, whereupon they were shot to death by the brother and the lover. They explained in their confession that they chained the girl because she attempted to escape. Miss Fleener was the daughter of a prominent citizen of Richmond, Va., who moved to Sandy Hook some years ago and died there. She was only twenty-one years old, a church member, and a Sunday-school teacher.

PHILADELPHIA'S SITUATION.

Public Interest Unabated in the Sensational State of Things.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

PHILADELPHIA, May 22.—Public interest in the sensational developments in the affairs of the Spring Garden Bank, the Keystone Bank, the flight of the indicted president of the latter institution, and the resignation from office of City-Treasurer Bardsley continues unabated to-day.

William H. Wanamaker, one of Marsh's bondsmen, this morning offered a reward of $1,000 for the arrest of the fugitive and he has employed detectives to run him down.

An attachment was taken out this morning against the Bradford Mills, of which City-Treasurer Bardsley is owner, by John and James Dobson, the sureties on his bond. This morning Mr. Bardsley made an assignment of all his property for the benefit of the city to Edward W. Magill.

Argument was heard this morning before Judges Finletter, Gordon, and Rea to compel Mr. Bardsley to answer certain questions asked him by the committee of the City Councils that is now investigating the city's depositories. The decision of the court was that Mr. Bardsley should answer the questions.

THE CHARLESTON AND THE ITATA.

The Former Has Probably Passed Panama—No News of the Latter.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The fact that the Charleston has not yet reported her arrival at Panama is now regarded by the Navy Department as an evidence that the vessel did not deviate from her course to go into Panama, but has passed onward and southward. So no news is expected from her until she reaches one of the South American ports, probably Payta or Callao, Peru, which is not expected to happen before Sunday evening. Meanwhile there is absolutely no news of the Itata.

THE ALLEGED COMPROMISE AGREEMENT REAFFIRMED.

PARIS, May 22.—The *Siecle* to-day reaffirms the truth of the reported Itata agreement, and says that the Chilean steamer will be taken into a United States port, and that when she arrives there an embargo will be placed upon her.

A SNAP AND A GROAN.

A Bungled Execution—Mob Violence—A Crowd of Witnesses.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

OMAHA, NEB., May 22.—A special to the *Bee* from Broken Bow says: Albert Havenstein, the murderer of William Ashleyand Hiram Koten, was hanged at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. When the trap was sprung Havenstein's body shot down six feet. There was a snap and a groan and the body fell to the ground. The rope had broken. Havenstein, half conscious, was at once picked up by the Sheriff and his deputies and brought back to the gallows. The rope was doubled and the trap was again sprung. This time his neck was broken and death was painless.

Fully 5,000 people had gathered from the surrounding country, but in order to witness the hanging they were obliged to resort to mob violence. A stockade sixteen feet high had been erected around the gallows just outside the jail. The crowd made a dash at the frail structure and in a twinkling it was completely torn down, exposing the gallows to view. As soon as this was accomplished the crowd became orderly and Sheriff Jones conducted the prisoner from the jail. He was accompanied by Father Haley, his spiritual adviser, and retained his composure to the end.

CAPTAIN BABCOCK'S PORTRAIT.

Many Ladies and Gentlemen Attend the Presentation Ceremonies.

A large party of ladies and gentlemen (nearly 150 in number) visited the Masonic Home yesterday.

The occasion for this unusual gathering was the presentation to this institution of a handsome portrait of its generous founder, Captain A. G. Babcock.

The party left Richmond at quarter to 3 o'clock in the afternoon *via* the Seven-Pines railroad and reached their destination in a few minutes, after a pleasant ride.

The building used for the Home having been inspected, Major Courtney called the assemblage to order, stating that the event which called them together was one of no small importance in the history of Masonry in this vicinity. "The lodges," he said, "for the purpose of showing their interest and recognition of the magnificent charity of the founder of the Home have had made a splendid portrait of Captain Babcock, so that his memory may be perpetuated. As Masons never commence any great undertaking," concluded the speaker, "without asking the blessing of God, we will call upon the Rev. Mr. Ray for a prayer."

Mr. Ray then offered a fervent and earnest appeal for the home and its prosperity in future ages.

Major Courtney then introduced Worshipful D. C. Richardson, who made the presentation speech:

THE PRESENTATION SPEECH.

He said that the occasion marked one of the most important events in the history of the institution—an occasion, however, which might not be fully appreciated. The object of the gathering was not a selfish one; they had assembled for the purpose of giving expression to their full appreciation of that noble act of philanthropy which exhibits the bright side of human nature—which makes the pilgrimage of life more pleasant in its onward journey.

"We are come," continued the speaker, "to show to the people of this State that we appreciate the work of the noble member who has founded this institution. We come as Masons and as citizens. We think there is no institution which receives from its members more of reverence and love than the Masonic order. Though many are lukewarm the man who is thoroughly imbued with the tenets of Masonry is necessarily good. When our brother determined to found an orphans' home the proposition was received with delight. The three words, 'Masonic Orphans' Home,' thrills the heart of every true Mason. They gladly accepted his proposal. This house, these grounds are the result of his beneficence.

"The Masons of Virginia gladly accept it, and we, the Richmond Masons, say that we will, so long as we exist, maintain and support it."

THE PORTRAIT UNCOVERED.

The veil from the portrait was then withdrawn by two bright little orphan boys, and Mr. Richardson continuing, said: "Here let it hang so that in future ages it will be hailed with pleasure as the picture of the orphan's friend—Captain A. G. Babcock. I would humbly ask that Heaven's richest blessings may rest upon this Home. May God and his angels ever hover around it! May the richest blessings of Heaven rest upon our Brother Babcock!"

MAJOR PAGE'S ACCEPTANCE.

Worshipful Grand Senior Warden Mann S. Page was next introduced by Major Courtney. He said in accepting the portrait for the institution that he would commence by telling a Masonic secret—viz., when a summons was sent to them it was their duty to obey. He found it a pleasant duty to obey the summons to be present on this occasion.

"When I thought," added he, "what this man has done—(referring to Captain Babcock)—how he understood the teachings of Masonry, which teaches charity, I felt that though busily engaged in other matters in Petersburg it was my duty to proceed here to meet the Masons of Richmond who have acted their part so well in showing their appreciation of their generous brother."

The speaker then referred in complimentary language to the address of Mr. Richardson, and alluded to Captain Babcock, whose portrait was before the gaze of the audience, and who would be remembered in future years for his generosity and magnanimity.

A DELIGHTFUL PLACE FOR CHILDREN.

The home is beautifully situated in a large grove of cedars, which furnish abundant shade and render the surroundings pleasant at all hours. The house itself is as comfortably fixed as possible and as neat as a pin. It is thoroughly home-like in every respect, and the matron, Mrs. Acree, is indeed a mother for each of the little ones, who seem as happy as possible.

There are now nine inmates—eight boys and one girl. When the visitors arrived yesterday the little boys all appeared in neat, cadet-gray suits, with brass buttons and caps. Unfortunately one of the merry urchins let out the secret that they had on their "Sunday clothes," but this did not by any means mar the good impression they made.

SOME WHO WENT.

The company, after spending a delightful afternoon, returned to the city about 7 o'clock. The Ladies' Auxiliary Board of the Home were nearly all present.

Some of the guests present were Messrs. James H. Capers (and wife), J. Thompson Brown, William Walker, John J. Crutchfield and wife, W. Dellie Sutherland, W. F. Drinkard, D. C. Richardson and wife, P. Whitlock, Hon. William Lovenstein, Julius Strauss, George C. Jefferson, A. R. Holderby, Captain E. P. Hubard, E. T. August and wife, Fred. Pleasants, and Colonel Alexander Archer.

The portrait, which is an excellent likeness of Captain Babcock, was painted by Mr. Cox, of this city.

The committee on arrangements for the picture was composed of the following gentlemen: J. S. Moore, chairman; Alexander W. Archer, treasurer; E. T. August, secretary; Fred. Pleasants, John J. Crutchfield, Louis Nachman, W. T. Allen, and A. R. Micou.

Captain Babcock reached the home after the presentation and was very cordially greeted by the members of the craft.

MANY HENRICO LOTS SOLD.

Transcript of the Deeds Recorded in the County—Richmond Deed.

The following deeds of bargain and sale were recorded yesterday in the Clerk's office of the Henrico County Court:

Fenton F. Finch to Alice Mickins, 25 feet on James street near Littlepage, $300.

Annie L. and A. K. Grady to James H. Hopkins, 30 feet on south side Taylor street between Ritchie and Carter, $700.

William H. Lyons to Young Jones, personalty, $120.

James M. Motley, trustee, and others to William B. Pizzini, trustee, 8 acres bounded by Ashland, Winder, and Robinson streets, subject to deed of trust of $12,000, $30,000.

Northside Land Company to Junius S. Kolner, lot 8, square 9, lot 9, square 19, and lot 14, square 34, Chestnut Hill, $600.

Same to Mary B. Barret, lot 17, square 10, Chestnut Hill, $200.

Same to A. B. Lucas, lot 1, square 28, Chestnut Hill, $200.

Same to Peter Lucas, lot 9, square 33, and lot 6, square 31, Chestnut Hill, $400.

Same to J. N. Bibb, lot 4, square 10, and lot 19, square 26, Chestnut Hill, $400.

Same to A. F. Corles, James L. Davis, and others, release from covenants as to character, location, and cost of improvements to be erected on the lots heretofore purchased of them.

Winfield Scott to T. A. Cary, 155 feet on Brooklyn street northeast corner High Point avenue, and 345 feet on north side Henrico street between High Point and Summit avenues, $1,875.

The only deed entered in Richmond was that of John S. Dodson's executrix to Edward H. Brown, 28 feet on west side First street between Main and Cary, $2,000.

His Guilt Not Established.

C. W. Pinket *alias* C. W. Smith (colored) was before the Police Court yesterday charged with attempting to pass a forged check for $50, purporting to be drawn by Fry & Son upon the Citizens Bank. From the evidence given the prisoner could not be identified as the guilty party and the case was dismissed, but he was required to give security for his good behavior.

George Washington (colored) was fined $5 and costs for assaulting and beating Lewis Washington. The accused was also charged with assaulting and beating Susan Cox. This case was continued until to-day.

The Registration Cases.

In the Henrico County Court yesterday Judge Minor was engaged in hearing the case of George Coleman (colored), who had been refused registration by the registrar at Shoemaker's precinct and appealed to the County Court. After a thorough investigation the Court was satisfied that Coleman was entitled to be registered, and he directed an order to be entered instructing the registrar of that precinct to enter the name of Coleman on his book.

Ladies' Auxiliary to Meet.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Masonic Home will hold a meeting at noon on the first or second Tuesday in June in the commandery room at St. Albans Hall. This meeting is the last the ladies will hold during the summer and they will make the preliminary arrangements for the fair which will be held in the spring. Mrs. James H. Capers is president of the auxiliary; Mrs. E. T. August, secretary, and Miss Sara Straus, treasurer.

A Waiter for Mr. Trotman.

Rev. Mr. Trotman, who has been assisting Rev. Hartley Carmichael since the latter has had charge of St. Paul's church, has resigned his position as assistant rector to accept a call in Alabama. He will take charge of his new church on the first Sunday in June. Mr. Trotman has been presented by the vestry of St. Paul's with a handsome gold watch and chain as a token of esteem.

Hartshorn College Commencement.

The teachers and students of Hartshorn-Memorial College have issued cards of invitation to their anniversary exercises which will be held next week. There will be a literary and musical entertainment on Monday night, the celebration of the second anniversary of the Alumnæ Association Wednesday night, and graduating exercises on Thursday evening.

Basket Pic-Nic.

The lady managers of the Retreat for the Sick will have their basket pic-nic at Ashland Park to-day. The train will leave Elba at 8 o'clock this morning. This pic-nic affords an opportunity to persons to spend a pleasant day in the country and to help one of Richmond's most worthy institutions.

Japanese Tea-Party.

Last night the yard of the First Baptist church presented a pretty scene. The occasion was a Japanese tea-party and strawberry feast given by the ladies. The yard was illuminated with lanterns, and tea and strawberries were served by the ladies.

THE PAPAL LETTER.

TEXT OF THE ENCYCLICAL ON SOCIAL QUESTIONS.

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[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

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