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SHIPPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICES MARITIMES.

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Messageries Impériales—

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS

STEAMERS will leave Point de Galle

on or about the following days:

	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.
For Suez, Mauritius and Madagascar.	1, 15, 29	12, 26	10, 24	9, 23	7, 21	

Cochin China, China and Japan.	4, 18, 22	12, 26	10, 24	9, 23	7, 21	19
Pondicherry, Madras and Calcutta.	6, 17	14, 28	12, 26	10, 24	9, 23	7

Passengers for London can obtain at Marseilles

Railway tickets direct, either via Calais, Boulogne,

or via Dieppe and Newhaven at the following rates,

via Calais or Boulogne: £s. 17s. 6d. 12 0

Dieppe and Newhaven: £s. 17s. 6d. 12 0

These tickets are available for one month.

For freight or passage apply in Galle at the Office

of the Company, and in Colombo at the Office of

Messrs. ARMITAGE BROTHERS.

H. AUBER, AGENT.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL Steam Navigation Company.

STEAMERS will leave Point de Galle

on or about the following dates:

For	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.
Marseilles and Southampton.	25	22	19	17	16	28

Bombay.	10	7	4	2	1	27
Madras and Calcutta.	24	21	18	16	15	27

Straits and China.	13	10	7	5	2	28
Australia.	13	10	7	5	2	28

Rates of Passage Money.

To Suez £85 King George's Sound £30

To Southampton £85 Melbourne or Sydney £40

Marseilles £80 Penang 20

Bombay 16 Singapore 30

Madras 10 Hong Kong 54

Calcutta 24 Shanghai 74

* Transit through Egypt £4 10s. extra.

Children above 3 and under 10 years, half of

first class rates.

One child under 3 years, (if with Parent) free.

To Marseilles. To Southampton

2nd Class Passengers £48 £50

European Servants 48 50

Native do 24 25

* Transit through Egypt £2 5s. extra.

Return Fares.

Passengers embarking within six months of their

arrival from Europe or Suez, and within three

months of arrival from all ports Eastward of Suez

and vice versa will be allowed a reduction of 20

per cent. on the return passage money.

THE COMPANY reserve the

option of forwarding all Goods

shipped by their Steamers for Europe

through Egypt, either by Rail or by

sea, and in their own Steamers, or in

vessels employed for the purpose, they also book

goods on through bill of Lading to Trieste,

Venice, Genoa, Barcelona, Marseilles or Havre.

For rates of freight and further particulars,

Apply to

F. BAYLEY, AGENT.

Point de Galle.

British India Steam Navigation Company

(LIMITED.)

ONE OF THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL

LEAVE COLOMBO

FOR CALCUTTA—Calling at Galle, 11th and 25th

Negapatnam, Madras, July. 8th & 22nd

Coconada, Vizagapatnam, 22nd Aug.

patnam, Bimlipatnam and 5th and 19th

Gopalpur, on or about 1st Sept.

FOR BOMBAY—Calling at Tuticorin, 12th and 26th

corin, Cochin, Calicut, July. 9th & 23rd

Beyrout, Cannanore, 23rd Aug.

Mangalore and Carwar, 6th and 20th

on or about 1st Sept.

ALSTONS, SCOTT & Co., Agents.

NOTICE.

THE AGENT of the MESSAGERIES

IMPERIALES has the honour of

informing the public of Ceylon, that

for the convenience of travellers, this

second class passage or first class passage

These passengers will find in the second class well

aired cabins, the third class cabins being abolished

for the first and second classes. The meals of the

second class differ but slightly from those of the

first. The ordinary Claret is the same; and the

rate from Galle to Marseilles is twenty-five per

cent. less.

NOTA BENE—The second class passengers can go

on the poop, as those of the first. This part of the

deck is prohibited to the third class passengers.

The reduced rates of passages from Galle to

Marseilles are the following, viz:—

FIRST CLASS (ordinary cabin) £78 0 0

SECOND CLASS £59 0 0

THIRD CLASS £43 0 0

DECK PASSAGE £23 0 0

For further particulars apply in Galle at the

Office of the Company, and in Colombo at the Office

of Messrs. ARMITAGE BROTHERS.

H. AUBER, Agents.

SALES BY AUCTION.

"TATTERSALL'S"

Auction Sale of Horses, &c.,

ESPLANADE, FORT,

13th instant, at 2-30 P. M.

Full particulars of each lot will be

given before sale.

J. STAFFORD,

MANAGER AND AUCTIONEER.

AUCTION SALE OF FURNITURE AND TURN-OUT IN COLPETTY.

Messrs. VENN and Co. are instructed

to sell the

GENERAL EFFECTS

of E. GOWER, Esq.,

including

A Valuable Australian Mare,

WAGGON, HARNESS, &c.,

At Warleigh-House,

COLPETTY,

On Saturday next, the 13th August, at 1 P. M.

AUCTION SALE OF

Belonging to J. R. HEDGES, Esq.,

WHO IS REORGANISING HIS STUD.

THE UNDERSIGNED has received instructions

to sell opposite his Rooms, No. 24, Upper

Chatham Street, at 2-30 P. M.,

THE FOLLOWING HIGHLY BRED AND VERY

DESIRABLE HORSES,

VIZ:

"DELPRE,"

Gray Gelding, 6 years, thor-

oughly bred, an excellent hack,

and trained to Harness.

"JENNY,"

Chestnut Mare, 7 years; thoroughly accustomed

to Saddle and Harness, and very fast.

"FIRE FLY,"

Chestnut Mare, young, very handsome and fast,

has been frequently driven singly and doubly.

"WHITE FOOT,"

BAY MARE, QUIET TO RIDE OR DRIVE.

"MARQUE,"

Gray Arab, rising 5, highly bred, thoroughly trained,

very handsome and free from vice.

W. MOREY, AUCTIONEER.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED will sell on Monday 15th

instant, immediately after the sale of Mr.

HEDGES' HORSES—

A GRAY ARAB HORSE,

highly bred, perfect in Saddle, trained

to Harness, and carries a Lady.

A PAIR OF PERSIAN HORSES,

well matched, quiet to ride or drive singly or

doubly, were regularly driven in India as leaders

in a four in hand, and have been constantly used

in a small Pheton in Colombo.

A LONDON BUILT STANHOPE MAIL

PHETON,

very light, suited for one or a pair; with moveable

hood and convertible into a Wagonette, Spare

Pole and Shafts.

A SET BRASS MOUNTED DOUBLE HARNESS

English made.

The property of a Gentleman leaving the Island.

ALSO

A BAY GULF ARAB HORSE

rising four, quiet to ride or drive, and very

handsome.

W. MOREY, Auctioneer.

Colombo, August 9th, 1870.

MERCANTILE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ALLSOPP'S PALE ALE

IN HHDS.

Price £7 10s. Cash.

ALSO IN KILNDRICKS, £3 5s. CASH.

REID & CO.'S LONDON STOUT IN HHDS.

Price £6 15s. CASH.

Full to the Bung.

ALLSOPP'S C. B. ALE

9s. 6d. per doz. Cash.

ALLSOPP'S E. B. BEER

9s. 6d. per doz. Cash.

ALLSOPP'S E. B. BEER

in 4 dozen Barrels. £2 Cash.

REID & CO.'S E. B. PORTER

in 4 dozen Barrels. £2 Cash.

GUINNESS' DUBLIN STOUT

4 dozen Cases. £2 Cash.

CARRILL & Co.

Colombo, 3rd August, 1870.

ON SALE

By the Undersigned:

BASS' BEER IN HHDS.

BARCLAY PERKIN'S PORTER IN HHDS.

do do C.B. do in qts. and Pints.

R. DAWSON.

37, Chatham Street.

Barclay Perkin's

BROWN STOUT PORTER

£6 10s. per Hhd.

J. P. GREEN & Co.

TOD HEATLY'S WINES.

IMPORTED BY H. S. SAUNDERS, and

for Sale at the Godowns of the undersigned:

Champagne..... 80s per dozen.

Sherry..... 60s do

Vieux Cognac..... 72s do

J. P. GREEN & Co.

Colombo, 19th May, 1870.

MARTELL'S

HENNESSY'S

LA GRANDE MARQUE } BRANDIES

in one dozen Cases.

FINEST SPARKLING MOSELE

@ 60s. per dozen.

from A. Jordan, Coblenz.

J. P. GREEN & Co.

E. J. BRAND & CO.'S WINES

CROWN SHERRY, Pale and Dry, in Quarter Casks

Do. MADEIRA

Do. CLARET, Superior

Do. PORT, fine old

Do. FINEST VERMOUTH

Do. CURACAO

Do. CROWN WHISKY

in one dozen Cases.

J. P. GREEN & Co.

FOR SALE.

At the Godowns of the Undersigned:

BEST STAFFORDSHIRE HOOP IRON

14 inch, 14 inch and 14 inch:

Just landed ex "A. O. A." from London.

LEECHMAN & Co.

Colombo, 18th July, 1870.

FOR SALE.

At the Godowns of the Undersigned.

A Fresh Supply of the

FINEST AUSTRALIAN FLOUR

In 50lb tins, at 16s 6d.

LEE, HEDGES & Co.,

Trincomalee Street,

Kandy, 19th November, 1869.

Ex Steamer "Surbiton."

LEE, HEDGES & Co.

Colombo, 20th April, 1870.

PURSER'S COFFEE MANURES.

THE UNDERSIGNED have received per

Steamer "Surbiton," via Suez Canal, con-

signments of these Manures, as follows:

Purser's Patent Coffee Manure,

In Bags each containing 2 Cwts. Nett,

Price £14 10s. 4 TON.

Purser's Dissolved Bones,

In Bags each containing 2 Cwts. Nett,

Price £10 4 TON.

Delivered free at the Hulsdoerf Mills, or at the

Colombo Railway Station.

G. & W. LEECHMAN.

FOR SALE.

THE GODOWNS OF THE UNDERSIGNED

THE FOLLOWING EXCELLENT SHERRIES

In one dozen cases.

White Seal at 48s. per Dozen

Yellow Seal at 42s. "

Red Seal at 36s. "

Green Seal at 30s. "

ALSO EX "BRITOMART,"

SHERRY in Quarter Casks and Hogsheads

HOOP IRON 14 in, 14 in, and 14 in.

KEPPEL JONES & Co.

Colombo, Feb. 10, 1870.

MESSRS. BISSET & CO.

Will act as our AGENTS in GALLE, and

receive and forward

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS FOR LONDON.

The A. I. Barque "CRESSWELL" 464 Tons Register, LAWRENCE WHITE, Master. WILL load with dispatch. For particulars of freight, Apply to GEORGE WALL & Co. Colombo, 10th August, 1870.

FOR TRINCOMALEE DIRECT.

TOUCHING AT GALLE, "GERALDINE ALEXANDRINA ROCHE." Expected to sail about the 20th instant, only room for ten tons. Please apply to N. M. ROCHE VICTORIA.

On Saturday, the 13th Instant, AT NOON, THE UNDERSIGNED WILL SELL opposite his Rooms:

A VERY HANDSOME BASKET CARRIAGE almost new, AND A VERY QUIET GREY HORSE perfect in harness.

H. D. GABRIEL. Colombo, 10th August, 1870.

COLOMBO HUNT CLUB.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above Club, will be held on Tuesday afternoon, (the 16th) at 4 o'clock, in the United Service Library, for the transaction of General business.

SALE OF CROWN LANDS.

AT COLOMBO KACHCHERI. On the 6th September, 1870.

Siyane Korale.—4 lots from 1 to 48 acres each, situated in Kiriagama, Alutgama and Moragoda of Medapattu.

Do.—1 lot of 6 acres, situated in Hamanabodda of Gangabodapattu.

At Kandy KACHCHERI. On the 31st August, 1870.

Municipality of Kandy.—14 lots from 1/2 to 2 acres each situated in Kandy. Adjoining and on the South East of Primrose Hill Estate.

Do.—1 lot of 2 roods and 19 perches situated on the East of Trincomalee road and adjoining the property of Mapulle Marikkar.

District of Kandy.—1 lot of 2 acres situated in Kandy applied for by A. Brown, Esq.

Town of Kandy.—2 lots of 13 and 21 perches each adjoining and on the South of the property of Messrs. Gorton, Massey & Co. and Messrs. Cargill and Co., Kandy.

Horipattu.—1 lot of 11 acres situated in Deniyagammeda of Pallegampaha, adjoining and on the East of Nagalla Estate.

Kotmale District.—1 lot of 143 acres situated in Udagama of Udapane Korale. This lot is well watered and suited for coffee cultivation. It adjoins the block of land purchased by Mr. W. Rolfe.

Upper Baddegama District.—1 lot of 193 acres situated in Makkaliya Valley in Ambagamuwa Korale, it adjoins on the East of the land purchased by Mr. Maie.

Municipality of Kandy.—1 lot of 35 perches, situated on the East of Trincomalee Street and near Hill Street.

AT BADULLA KACHCHERI. On the 31st August, 1870.

Badulla District.—12 lots from 1 to 6 acres each situated in Kalugahatenna, Palugama, Tolu-bewatta, Udugama, and Yappanna of Patipola Korale in Yakkalamulla patta. Near the 16th, 17th, 20th, 21st and 22nd mile posts on the road from Badulla to Batticaloa.

AT GALLE KACHCHERI. On the 23rd August, 1870, and the following days.

Galle District.—60 lots from 18 perches to 43 acres each situated in Talagoda, Madampe, Ambagoda and Godahewa of Welloboda patta.

On the 6th September, 1870.

Galle District.—6 lots rich in Plumbago, from 1 to 2 acres each, situated in Telumbura of Talpattu.

AT NATANIYA KACHCHERI. On the 17th August, 1870, and the following days.

Children District.—1 lot of 82 acres situated near Rajakadaluva in Munneswaram patta.

Do.—259 lots from 1/2 to 85 acres each situated in Kirinettiya, Banduruppuwa, and Haldanduwat of Otappalattu.

Further particulars respecting the land may be obtained at the Surveyor General's Office and respecting the conditions of sale at the Offices of the Government Agents.

J. G. JERVOIS, Acting Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office, Colombo, 10th August, 1870.

MANURES.

BOLIVIAN GUANO AND SULPHATE OF AMMONIA.

We invite the attention of our Farming friends to a small trial consignment, just received of

"Caro Guano" Price £13 per ton, and very highly recommended.

Analysis on application. GEORGE WALL & Co.

FOR SALE.

ASPHALT PORTLAND CEMENT. GLASS TILES. PRUNING KNIVES. ELWELL'S AXES. CATTIES.

MAMOTIES. PLANTING BARS. CART AXLES AND BUSHES. CISTERN VALVES. GALVANIZED ROOFING TILES. CORRUGATED SHEETS, AND RIDGE CAPS AND GUTTERS. GALVANIZED FENCING WIRE, in coils of 600, 1000 and 2000 feet. GALVANIZED STEEL WIRE, in coils of 1000 feet, guaranteed to carry 120 lbs., and of 2000 feet, guaranteed to carry 80 lbs.

HOOP IRON 14 at 2 in. PAINTS. CALCUTA BAGS. DUNDEE BAGS. FOOTY SACKS.

A 3/4 foot Water Wheel. GEORGE WALL & Co.

FIELD & COY'S EXPORT STOUT, in Hogsheads.

GUINNESS STOUT in Pints and Quarts.

H. AND R. BRANDY in wood and bottle.

VINE GROWERS BRANDY, in one dozen Cases.

VINO DA PASTA in 1 dozen Cases.

FERGUSON'S SHERRIES (Green, Blue, and White Seal) AND PORT WINE, in one dozen Cases.

MOET & CHANDON'S CHAMPAGNE, a small invoice of QUININE.

A small invoice of TOBACCO "FIG CAVENTISH" and "AROMATIC." GEORGE WALL & Co.

Hultsdorf Mills, Colombo.

POONAC MIXTURE.

Price £5 per ton.

CONTAINS a large proportion of Cocoa Nut Poonac for which as Maure it will be found a good substitute for application with Bone Dust. Packed and delivered free at the Colombo Railway Station.

Further particulars and samples on application. G. & W. LEECHMAN.

Hultsdorf Mills, Colombo.

PATENT COMPOST MANURE.

Now recognized as a first-rate Manure for Coffee; exact particulars of the ingredients will be made known to intending purchasers, and samples furnished on application.

Price £7 10s. per ton, including Bags. Delivered at the Colombo Railway Station free of extra charges.

G. & W. LEECHMAN.

Hultsdorf Mills, Colombo.

PATENT STEAMED BONE DUST.

Price £8 10s. per ton.

PACKED in strong Gunny Bags and delivered free at the Colombo Railway Station.

G. & W. LEECHMAN. Colombo, 2nd May, 1870.

MUNIANDI.

THE PUBLICATION OF

THE "CEYLON TIMES."

WILL be resumed early in September, when the staff of artists and literary contributors will be considerably strengthened.

The first Cartoon will be "THE ORIGINAL PECKSNIP," a sketch from Nature. SOCIAL.—"Training for the Kandy Athletics."

Intending subscribers are requested to observe that in all cases their subscriptions must be paid in advance, failing which no copies will be forwarded.

Subscriptions of ten shillings will be received only at the "TIMES OFFICE," Colombo, and by Mr. BARKER, Oriental Hotel, Galle.

THE WAR.

NOW READY.

A MAP OF THE RHENISH PROVINCES, &c.

MAY BE OBTAINED at the office of the "Ceylon Times" a lithographed Map of the Rhinish Provinces of Prussia, including adjacent sections of Luxembourg, France, &c., with the fortified towns on the Rhine, the lines of Railway, roads &c.

Price One Rupee.

Application should be made at once. Up-country residents are requested to enclose postage stamps of the above amount with their orders.

The Maps can be obtained at the Oriental Hotel, Galle, and at the Oriental Hotel, Kandy.

NOTICE.

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A GREY ARAB HORSE.

highly bred, perfect in Saddle, trained to Harness and carries a lady.

A Pair of Persian Horses,

well matched, quiet to ride or drive singly or doubly, were regularly driven in India as leaders in a four in hand, and have been constantly used in a Mail Phaeton in Colombo.

A LONDON BUILT Stanhope Mail Phaeton,

very light, suited for one or a pair; with moveable hood and convertible into a Wagonette, with Spare Pole and Shafts.

A SET BRASS MOUNTED DOUBLE HARNESS,

ENGLISH MADE.

The property of a Gentleman leaving the Island.

A BAY GULF ARAB HORSE,

rising four, quiet to ride or drive, and very handsome.

W. MOREY, Auctioneer. Colombo, August 12th, 1870.

EXTENSIVE AUCTION SALE.

THE UNDERSIGNED will sell by public auction at his Rooms, on Wednesday 17th instant, commencing at 12 noon, the undermentioned

NEW GOODS

OF EXCELLENT QUALITY, to close accounts,

VIZ:

13 PIECES 630 YARDS SAXONY TWEEDS

30 do 776 do SCOTCH do

30 do 1381 do GRANITE WINSEYS

500 WOVE SARONGS 42 x 95 inches

10 GALVANISED BATH TUBS

8 ABYSSINIAN GOLD WATCHES

155 KEGPS PAINT, RED, BLACK AND GREEN.

35 BOLTS CANVAS.

W. MOREY, Auctioneer. Colombo, August 12th, 1870.

FOR SALE.

A SMALL TRAVELLING TRUNK WELL ADAPTED for up-country or for a voyage.

Apply by letter, or view M. P. S., O'HALLORAN BROTHERS, Colombo.

DENTAL SURGERY.

MONSIEUR BEURTEAUX has arrived in Colombo, and has been joined by a first-class professional Dentist landed here by the last Mail. With all the latest improvements, in filling artificial teeth in vulcanite, gold or platinum plates in all cases guaranteed to give perfect articulation and mastication on the principle of self adhesion without fastening and without any painful sensation.

P. S.—Native Gentlemen should avail themselves of this opportunity to have their teeth replaced.

AT MODERATE CHARGES.

Consultations at J. MAITLAND & Co., Colombo.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

COLOMBO.

ARRIVALS.

Aug. 10.—British Steamer *Decca*, J. Raisen, 1,110 tons, from Suez 24th July, cargo general—Passengers, Major G. N. Johnston, Mr. Ellen Johnston, Mr. Roughton and infant, and Messrs. John McKinlay, George Waddington, C. J. Wall, E. Mortimer and William Price.

Do.—British Steamer *Decca*, G. M. Boye, 1,128 tons, from Calcutta 26th July, Galle 10th instant, cargo general—Passengers, Mr. and Miss Boye and 7 deck.

Do.—British Steamer *Belmont*, J. Williamson, 1,430 tons, from Liverpool 30th June, Aden 1st August, cargo general—Passengers, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, H. F. Fildes, J. Rogers, A. Cooper and Mary Segrove.

Do.—British Steamer *Sea Belle*, 387 tons, Captain William Taylor from Melbourne 13th June, cargo general.

DEPARTURES.

Aug. 9.—British Steamer *Decca*, C. C. Hinchinson, 792 tons, bound to Calcutta, cargo general—Passengers, Col. Balmain, Hon. J. Douglas, Messrs. R. G. E. Dalrymple, G. F. Walker, J. W. Francis, Duval, A. Turbe, Denham, Chene, 4 Privates 73rd Regt., and 24 deck.

Do.—British Steamer *Decca*, H. T. Dickinson, 697 tons, bound to Labuan, Passengers Officers and 2 Companies of H. M. C. Coy. Rifle Regt.

Do.—British Steamer *Decca*, 1,120 tons, Captain G. M. Boye, for Malabar Coast and Bombay, cargo general—Passengers, T. Helmer, Esq., and 11 deck.

Do.—British Ship *Shooting Star*, 448 tons, Captain F. McKenzie, for Alagoa Bay, in ballast—Passengers, Mr. and Mrs. Aboe.

Do.—British Barque *Nardo*, 378 tons, Captain J. Paul, for New York, cargo general.

GALLE.

Aug. 10.—British Steamer *Decca*, from Bombay 2nd August—Passengers Mr. Duval, Hon. J. John Douglas, Mr. Denham Chene, Mr. Argout Quatre and 18 deck.

Do.—H. M. S. *Burns*, from Bombay 4th August, Colombo 10th August—Passengers 5 officers 1 lady, 164 tons, 36 women, 58 children Ceylon Rifles.

DEPARTURES.

Aug. 10.—British Steamer *Decca*, for Bombay—Passengers from Galle, Mr. Davies, Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Harry, do 10.—British Steamer *Decca*, for Calcutta—Passenger, 1 native.

do.—H. M. S. *Seagull*, for China.

TELEGRAPHIC STEAMER REPORT.

From Bombay, 11th August, 11-8 p. m. English Mail Steamer signalled at 9 p. m.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

MARRIAGES.

At Victoria Lodge, Tutu, on the 10th August, at half-past 8 a. m., Mrs. Manuel Xavier Correa, daughter of Mr. N. M. Roche Victoria, of a son.

On the 14th July, at the Parish Church, Hettion-le-Hole, Durham, the Rev. Harry Hardwick Holderness, on rate of Dalton-le-Dale, Durham, youngest son of the late William Holderness, Esq., of Battisford, Ceylon, to Mary Currie, youngest daughter of the late Rev. J. J. Reynolds, for many years Secretary of the Jews' Society.

On the 8th August, 1870, Christopher Rodrigo Bawa Pully, Esq., of New Chetty Street, to Miss P. J. Gnanamuthoo, eldest daughter of the late John Jure Gnanamuthu Pully, Esq.

DEATHS.

At Matara, on the 10th August, Trutand Frederick Morgan, Esq., Additional District Judge, Commissioner of the District of Battisford, and Police Magistrate at that station, aged 50 years and 6 months.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"A PARENT," "G. W.," and "FAIR PLAY" received too late for insertion to-day.

"WITNESS" may be quite justified in the remarks he makes in reference to a certain District Court, but the matter does not come within our province to notice.

"BARNACLES,"—certainly not.

The Ceylon Times.

COLOMBO, FRIDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 1870.

THE WAR.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

FOR THE CEYLON TIMES.

London, 9th August.

(By British Indian Cable.)

The majority of the French Army is concentrated before Metz, Marshal Bazaine is charged with the direction of operations.

There has been no further fighting.

* General Changarnier has had an interview with the Emperor.

The North-eastern Departments are all in a state of siege.

The loss of the French at Woerth was 5,000 killed and wounded, and 6,000 prisoners.

Marshal MacMahon's Troops abandoned the baggage and provisions.

The Prussian Cavalry pursued and overtook many thousands of stragglers who had thrown away their arms.

The loss of the Prussians was 3,500 killed and wounded.

London, 10th August.

(By Indo-European Telegraph.)

PARIS.

There was the greatest uproar yesterday in the Corps Legislatif. The Left denounced the incapacity of the Emperor, and demanded his recall.

The Government propose the incorporation of a portion of the Garde Mobile in the Army to accelerate the conscription of 1871.

A motion was adopted for calling out the unmarried discharged soldiers of classes 1858 and 1863. A second French fleet of Iron-clads has passed Dover.

London, 10th August.

(By British Indian Cable.)

The treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium was signed yesterday by the Prussian Ambassador, Count Bernstorff, and Earl Granville.

The French Ambassador has also received authority to sign the treaty.

M. Olivier resigned office in consequence of the adoption of a motion of M. Duvernois by the Chamber, expressing a determination to support a Cabinet capable of organising the defence of the Country.

London, 10th August, (Afternoon.)

Marshal Bazaine has assumed the chief command of the Army concentrated before Metz.

Marshal MacMahon rallied his Troops, falling back on Nancy.

Great excitement continues in Paris.

The French Journals almost unanimously demand the general arming of the population and that the utmost military precautions be taken.

Admires from Saarbrück received on Tuesday state that the defeat of the French on Saturday to the west of Saarbrück, was most disastrous. The losses in killed and wounded were extraordinarily heavy. Two thousand prisoners already taken and more coming in.

The Prussian losses were considerable. The advanced posts of the Prussian army are only two German miles from Metz.

Paris, 11th August, (Morning.)

A new French Ministry has been formed.

M. Palikao.....Minister of War.

M. Chevaux.....Minister of the Interior.

M. Magne.....Minister of Finance.

M. Latour Auvergne.....Minister of Foreign Affairs.

M. M. Jermé, David, Clements Duvernois are also in the Cabinet.

The Corps Legislatif has passed all Government military measures unanimously, and has voted a Bill calling out discharged soldiers and all unmarried and childless citizens from 25 to 35 years of age. Thanks to the Army were also voted.

All was quiet on Wednesday morning.

[The above was circulated to our Town Subscribers this evening.]

London, 9th August, (Afternoon.)

The Coffee Market closed steady.

"Plantation Ceylon middling 62s.

"Native good ordinary.....45s.

A private telegram quotes Cotton at an advance of nearly a penny, whilst Consols are up to 91 symptoms of slowly returning confidence.

THE FIRST SCENE.

The actors in the great French tragedy have played out the first scene, and amidst a brief pause in the War Telegrams, we can look around and endeavour to draw deductions from the past that may to some extent help to guide us as to the probabilities of the future.

The telegram received yesterday, if it may be relied on, goes far to explain the reverses of the Imperial forces. The strength of the main body of the French, after deducting the detached corps d'armee, according to this information, does not exceed 130,000 men of all arms; that these should have been crushed and forced back by overwhelming masses of Prussian troops is small matter for wonder, the marvel is how the French Generals could have advised the Emperor to risk the fortune of war with such inadequate forces. There can be no doubt that the Prussians have on this occasion pursued the same tactics as they adopted in the Austrian Campaign; they have massed enormous bodies of troops on particular points, and by rapid movements have succeeded in sweeping all before them. It signifies but little how an engagement is won so long as it is won, and the Prussians have all title to credit for their successes whatever the immediate cause may have been.

Published accounts of the strength of the French army give the figures at somewhere about eight hundred thousand men. Where are they? Algeria absorbs a good hundred thousand; Saigon as many more, two hundred and thirty thousand are on the Rhinish frontier, and the remainder exist in detached remote camps or on paper. It seems more than probable, unless the Emperor can bring into the field within a very brief period, somewhere about half a million of good troops, he will be beaten, and then—what next? A death on the battle-field or apartments in Leicester Square. These are on the cards.

For the present the French will make a firm stand in their strongly entrenched position at Metz towards which the Prussians are rapidly advancing from the north-eastward, occupying several villages and towns along the line, whilst the Crown Prince of Prussia advances with the army of South Germany from Carlsruhe, though it does not appear that he has yet crossed the Rhine. These forces will no doubt be largely augmented by fresh troops, and unless the Emperor can bring up considerable reinforcements within the next few days, it is difficult to understand how he will be able to maintain his position at Metz, much less to assume the offensive. Meantime General MacMahon will use his utmost endeavours to prevent the Crown Prince from entering France by the route of the Vosges, a mountainous and thickly

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THE WAR.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

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London, 11th August, (morning.)

(By British Indian Cable.)

Advices from Saarbruck dated midnight, Wednesday, state that the French continued to retreat on Moselle, the whole of the Prussian Cavalry closely pursuing. They have passed Saarwerden, Grand Tenquin, Falquemont, and Femstrange.

Correspondents declare that the French fought bravely, but were greatly outnumbered.

London, 10th August, (Afternoon.)

The Coffee Market closed quiet but steady.

„ Plantation Ceylon middling 62s.

London, 10th August.

(By Indo-European Telegraph.)

During the debates in the House of Lords and Commons on the Treaty made between England, France, and Prussia regarding Belgium, the attitude of Her Majesty's Government was generally approved. Some speakers considered that a formal intimation to the belligerents, of England's intention to adhere to the obligations of the Treaty of 1839 was preferable.

Prorogation of Parliament.

THE QUEEN SPEECH.

“Parliament was prorogued to-day.

“The speech from the throne mentions that good relations are maintained with foreign powers. It expresses grief, both on domestic and public grounds, at the outbreak of War on the Continent of Europe, and states a firm determination strictly to maintain the rights of neutrality, and to employ every fitting endeavour to prevent the extension of the War, and to contribute to an early and honorable peace.”

The other Powers have been invited to accede to a new Treaty.

Unremitting efforts will be made to secure a searching and satisfactory enquiry into the Massacre of Englishmen at Marathon.

The condition of the Revenue of the United Kingdom encourages hope. The additional supplies of £2,000,000 sterling, voted by the House of Commons, will be met without reversing the equilibrium between revenue and expenditure.

London, 11th August.

(By Indo-European Telegraph.)

Previous to the prorogation of Parliament the House of Commons sanctioned a new contract with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company for the conveyance of the Mails, terminable in February 1880, for a fixed subsidy of £450,000 sterling per annum. The P. & O. Company undertake after the completion of the Mount Cenis Tunnel, to substitute Brindisi for Marseilles, and may also substitute Liverpool for Southampton.

Strasbourg is surrounded on all sides by the Germans who occupy the railways leading from Paris and Lyons.

The Commander of Strasbourg refuses to surrender.

The P. and O. Steamer “Candia” left Aden at 8 on the night of the 12th for Galle.

(The Prologue or Introductory Chapters of “Man and Wife”, have been completed in their condensed form; it is believed that our readers will be content to wait for selections from the story itself whilst we reproduce some of the more striking chapters of the remaining portion of Edwin Drood.)

THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD.

By Charles Dickens.

CHAPTER XIII.

BOTH AT THEIR BEST.

MISS TWINKLETON'S establishment was about to undergo a serene hush. The Christmas recess was at hand. What had once, and at no remote period, been called, even by the erudite Miss Twinkleton herself, ‘the half,’ but what was now called, as being more elegant, and more strictly collegiate; ‘the term,’ would expire to-morrow. A noticeable relaxation of disci-

pline had for some few days pervaded the Nuns' House. Club suppers had occurred in the bedrooms, and a dressed tongue had been carved with a pair of scissors, and handed round with the curling-tongs. Portions of marmalade had likewise been distributed on a service of plates constructed of curlpaper; and cowslip wine had been quaffed from the small squat measuring glass in which little Rickitts (a junior of weakly constitution), took her steel drops daily. The housemaids had been bribed with various fragments of riband, and sundry pairs of shoes, more or less down at heel, to make no mention of crumbs in the beds; the airiest costumes were worn on these festive occasions; and the daring Miss Ferdinand had even surprised the company with a sprightly solo on the comb-and-curlpaper, until suffocated in her own pillow by two flowing-haired executioners.

On the last night before a recess, it was always expressly made a point of honor that nobody should go to sleep, and that Ghosts should be encouraged by all possible means. This compact invariably broke down, and all the young ladies went to sleep very soon, and got up very early.

The concluding ceremony came off at twelve o'clock on the day of departure; when Miss Twinkleton, supported by Mrs. Tisher, held a Drawing-Room in her own apartment (the globes already covered with brown holland), where glasses of white wine and plates of cut pound-cake were discovered on the table. Miss Twinkleton then said, Ladies, another revolving year has brought us round to that festive period at which the first feelings of our nature bounded in our—Miss Twinkleton was annually going to add ‘bosoms,’ but annually stopped on the brink of that expression, and substituted ‘hearts.’ Hearts; our hearts. Hem! Again a revolving year, ladies, had brought us to a pause in our studies—let us hope our greatly advanced studies—and, like the mariner in his bark, the warrior in his tent, the captive in his dungeon, and the traveller in his various conveyances, we yearn for home.

The handmaidens of the establishment, in their best caps, then handed the trays, and the young ladies sipped and crumbled, and the bespoken couch began to choke the street. Then, leave-taking was not long about, and Miss Twinkleton, in saluting each young lady's cheek, confided to her an exceedingly neat letter, addressed to her next friend at law, ‘with Miss Twinkleton's best compliments’ in the corner. This missive she handed with an air as if it had not the least connexion with the bill, but were something in the nature of a delicate and joyful surprise.

So many times had Rosa seen such dispersals, and so very little did she know of any other Home, that she was contented to remain where she was, and was even better contented than ever before, having her latest friend with her. And yet her latest friendship had a blank place in it of which she would not fail to be sensible. Helena Landless, having been a party to her brother's revelation about Rosa, and having entered into that compact of silence with Dr. Crisparkle, shrank from any allusion to Edwin Drood's name. Why she so avoided it, was mysterious to Rosa, but she perfectly perceived the fact.

It would have made a pretty picture, so many pretty girls kissing Rosa in the cold porch of the Nuns' House, and that sunny little creature peeping out of it (unconscious of sly faces carved on spout and gable peeping at her), and waving farewells to the departing coaches, as if she represented the spirit of rosy youth abiding in the place to keep it bright and warm in its desertion. The hoarse High Street became musical with the cry, in various silvery voices, Good-bye, Rosebud, Darling! and the effigy of Mr. Sapsea's father over the opposite doorway, seemed to say to mankind: ‘Gentlemen, favour me with your attention to this charming little last lot left behind, and bid with a spirit worthy of the occasion!’ Then the staid street, so unwontedly sparkling, youthful, and fresh for a few rippling moments, ran dry, and Cloisterham was itself again.

If Rosebud in her bower now waited Edwin Drood's coming with an uneasy heart, Edwin for his part was uneasy too. With far less force of purpose in his composition than the childish beauty, crowned by acclamation fairy queen of Miss Twinkleton's establishment, he had a conscience and Mr. Gregious had pricked it. That gentleman's steady convictions of what was right and what was wrong in such a case as his, were neither to be frowned aside, nor laughed aside. They would not be moved. But for the dinner in Staples Inn, and but for the ring he

carried in the breast-pocket of his coat, he would have drifted into their wedding-day without another pause for real thought loosely trusting that all would go well, left alone. But that serious putting him on his truth to the living and the dead had brought him to a check. He must either give the ring to Rosa, or he must take it back. Once put into this narrowed way of action, it was curious that he began to consider Rosa's claims upon him more unselfishly than he had ever considered them before, and began to be less sure of himself than he had ever been in all his easy-going days.

‘I will be guided by what she says, and by how we get on,’ was his decision, walking from the Gate House to the Nuns' House. ‘Whatever comes of it, I will bear his words in mind, and try to be true to the living and the dead.’

Rosa was dressed for walking. She expected him. It was a bright frosty day, and Miss Twinkleton had already graciously sanctioned fresh air. Thus they got out together before it became necessary for either Miss Twinkleton, or the Deputy High Priest, Mrs. Tisher, to lay even so much as one of those usual offerings on the shrine of Propriety.

‘My dear Eddy,’ said Rosa, when they had turned out of the High Street, and had got among the quiet walks in the neighbourhood of the Cathedral and the river: ‘I want to say something very serious to you. I have been thinking about it for a long, long time.’

‘I want to be serious with you too, Rosa dear. I mean to be serious and earnest.’

‘Thank you, Eddy. And you will not think me unkind because I begin, will you? You will not think I speak for myself only, because I speak first? That would not be generous, would it? And I know you are generous!’

He said ‘I hope I am not ungenerous to you, Rosa.’ He called her Pussy no more. Never again.

‘And there is no fear,’ pursued Rosa, ‘of our quarrelling, is there? Because, Eddy, clasping her hand on his arm, ‘we have so much reason to be very lenient to each other!’

‘We will be, Rosa.’

‘That's a dear good boy! Eddy let us be courageous. Let us change to brother and sister from this day forth.’

‘Never be husband and wife?’

‘Never!’

Neither spoke again for a little while. But after that pause he said with some effort:

‘Of course I know that this has been in both our minds, Rosa, and of course I am in honour bound to confess freely that it does not originate with you.’

‘No, nor with you, dear,’ she returned, with pathetic earnestness. ‘It has sprung up between us. You are not truly happy in our engagement; I am not truly happy in it. O I am so sorry, so sorry!’ And there she broke into tears.

‘I am deeply sorry too, Rosa. Deeply sorry for you.’

‘And I for you, poor boy! And I for you!’

This pure young feeling, this gentle and forbearing feeling of each towards the other, brought with it its reward in a softening light that seemed to shine on their position. The relations between them did not look wilful, or capricious, or a failure, in such a light; they became elevated into something more self-denying, honorable, affectionate, and true.

‘If we knew yesterday,’ said Rosa, as she dried her eyes, ‘and we did on yesterday, and on many, many yesterdays, that we were far from right together in those relations which were not of our own choosing, what better could we do to-day than change them? It is natural that we should be sorry, and you see how sorry we both are; but how much better to be sorry now than then!’

‘When Rosa?’

‘When it would be too late. And then we should be angry, besides.’

Another silence fell upon them.

‘And you know,’ said Rosa, innocently, ‘you couldn't like me then; and you can always like me now, for I shall not be a drag upon you, or a worry to you. And I can always like you now, and your sister will not tease or trifle with you. I often did when I was not your sister, and I beg your pardon for it.’

‘Don't let us come to that, Rosa; or I shall want more pardoning than I like to think of.’

‘No, indeed, Eddy; you are too hard, my generous boy, upon yourself. Let us sit down, brother, on these ruins, and let me tell you how it was with us. I think I know, for I have considered about it very much

since you were here, last time. You liked me, didn't you? You thought I was a nice little thing?’

‘Everybody thanks that, Rosa.’

‘Do they?’ She knitted her brow musingly for a moment, and then flashed out with the bright little induction. ‘Well; but say they do. Surely it was not enough that you should think of me, only as other people did; now, was it?’

The point was not to be got over. It was not enough.

‘And this is just what I mean; that is just how it was with us,’ said Rosa. ‘You liked me very well, and you had grown used to me, and had grown used to the idea of our being married. You accepted the situation as an inevitable kind of thing, didn't you? It was to be, you thought, and why discuss or dispute?’

It was new and strange to him to have himself presented to himself so clearly, in a glass of her holding up. He had always patronized her, in his superiority to her share of woman's wit. Was that but another instance of something radically amiss in the terms on which they had been gliding towards a life-long bondage?

‘All this that I say of you, is true of me as well, Eddy. Unless it was. I might not be bold enough to say it. Only the difference between us was, that by little and little there crept into my mind a habit of thinking about it, instead of dismissing it. My life is not so busy as yours, you see, and I have not so many things to think of. So I thought about it very much, and I cried about it very much too (though that was not your fault, poor boy); when all at once my guardian came down, to prepare for my leaving the Nuns' House. I tried to hint to him that I was not quite settled in my mind, but I hesitated and failed, and he didn't understand me. But he is a good, good man. And he put before me so kindly, and yet so strongly, how seriously we ought to consider, in our circumstances, that I resolved to speak to you the next moment we were alone and grave. And if I seemed to come to it easily just now, because I came to it all at once, don't think it was so really, Eddy, for O, it was very, very hard, and O! I am very, very sorry!’

Her full heart broke into tears again. He put his arm about her waist, and they walked by the river side together.

‘Your guardian has spoken to me too, Rosa dear. I saw him before I left London.’ His right hand was in his breast, seeking the ring; but he checked it as he thought: ‘If I am to take it back, why should I tell her of it?’

‘And that made you more serious about it, didn't it, Eddy? And if I had not spoken to you, as I have, you would have spoken to me? I hope you can tell me so? I don't like to it to be all my doing, though it is so much better for us.’

‘Yes, I should have spoken; I should have put everything before you; I came intending to do it. But I never could have spoken to you as you have spoken to me, Rosa.’

Don't say you mean so coldly or unkindly, Eddy, please, if you can help it.’

I mean so sensibly and delicately, so wisely and affectionately.’

‘That's my dear brother!’ She kissed his hand in a little rapture. ‘The dear girls will be dreadfully disappointed,’ added Rosa, laughing, with the dew-drops glistening in her bright eyes. ‘They have looked forward to it so, poor pets!’

‘Ah! But I fear it will be a worse disappointment to Jack,’ said Edwin Drood, with a start. ‘I never thought of Jack!’

Her swift and intent look at him as he said the words, could no more be recalled than a flash of lightning can. But it appeared as though she would have instantly recalled it, if she could; for she looked down, confused, and breathed quickly.

‘You don't doubt it's being a blow to Jack, Rosa?’

She merely replied, and that, evasively and hurriedly: ‘Why should she? She had not thought about it.’ He seemed, to her, to have so little to do with it.

‘My dear child! Can you suppose that any one so wrapped up in another—Mrs. Tope's expression: not mine—as Jack is in me, could fail to be struck all of a heap by such a sudden and complete change in my life? I say sudden, because it will be sudden to him, you know.’

She nodded twice or thrice, and her lips parted as if she would have assented. But she uttered no sound, and her breathing was no slower.

‘How shall I tell Jack!’ said Edwin ruminating. If he had been less occupied with the thought, he must have seen her

singular emotion. 'I never thought of Jack. It must be broken to him, before the town crier knows it. I dine with the dear fellow to-morrow and next day—Christmas Eve and Christmas Day—but it would never do to spoil his feast days. He always worries about me and muddle-coddles in the merest trifles. The news is sure to upset him. How on earth shall this be broken to Jack!'

'He must be told, I suppose?' said Rosa. 'My dear Rosa! Who ought to be in our confidence, if not Jack?'

'My guardian promised to come down, if I should write and ask him. I am going to do so. Would you like to leave it to him?'

'A bright idea!' cried Edwin. 'The other trustee. Nothing more natural. He comes down, he goes to Jack, he relates what we have agreed upon, and he states our case better than we could. He has already spoken feelingly to you, he has already spoken feelingly to me, and he'll put the whole thing feelingly to Jack. That's it! I am not a coward, Rosa, but to tell you a secret, I am a little afraid of Jack.'

'No, no! You are not afraid of him?' cried Rosa, turning white and clasping her hands.

'Why, sister Rosa, sister Rosa, what do you see from the turret?' said Edwin, rallying her. 'My dear girl!'

'You frightened me.'

'Most unintentionally, but I am as sorry as if I had meant to do it. Could you possibly suppose for a moment, from any loose way of speaking of mine, that was I literally afraid of the dear fond fellow? What I mean is, that he is subject to a kind of paroxysm, or fit—I saw him in it once—and I don't know but that so great a surprise, coming upon him direct from me whom he is so wrapped up in, might bring it on perhaps. Which—and this is the secret I was going to tell you—is another reason for your guardian's making the communication. He is so steady, precise, and exact, that he will talk Jack's thoughts into shape, in no time: whereas with me Jack is always impulsive and hurried, and, I may say, almost womanish.'

Rosa seemed convinced. Perhaps from her own very different point of view of 'Jack,' she felt comforted and protected by the interposition of Mr. Grewgious between herself and him.

And now, Edwin Drood's right hand closed again upon the ring in its little case, and again was checked by the consideration: 'It is certain, now, that I am to give it back to him; then why should I tell her of it?'

They walked on by the river. They began to speak of their separate plans. He would quicken his departure from England, and she would remain where she was, at least as long as Helena remained. The poor dear girls should have their disappointment broken to them gently, and, as the first preliminary, Miss Twinkleton should be confided in by Rosa, even in advance of the reappearance of Mr. Grewgious. It should be made clear in all quarters that she and Edwin were the best of friends. There had never been so serene an understanding between them since they were first affianced. And yet there was one reservation on each side; on hers, that she intended through her guardian to withdraw herself immediately from the tuition of her music-master; on his, that he did already entertain some wandering speculations whether it might ever come to pass that he would know more of Miss Landless.

The bright frosty day declined as they walked and spoke together. The sun dipped in the river far behind them, and the old city lay red before them, as their walk drew to a close. The moaning water cast its seaweed dusily at their feet, when they turned to leave its margin; and the rooks hovered above them with hoarse cries, darker splashes in the darkening air.

'I will prepare Jack for my flitting soon,' said Edwin, in a low voice, 'and I will but see your guardian when he comes, and then go before they speak together. It will be better done without my being by. Don't you think so?'

'Yes.'

'We know we have done right, Rosa?'

'Yes.'

'We know we are better so, even now?'

'And shall be far, far, better so, by-and-bye?'

Still, there was that lingering tenderness in their hearts towards the old positions they were relinquishing, that they prolonged their parting. When they came among the elm tress by the cathedral, where they had last sat together, they stopped, as by consent, and Rosa raised her face to his, as she had never raised it in the old days;—for they were old already.

'God bless you, dear! Good-bye!'

'God bless you, dear! Good-bye!'

They kissed each other, fervently.

'Now, please take me home, Eddy, and let me be by myself.'

'Don't look round, Rosa,' he cautioned her, as he drew her arm through his, and led her away. 'Didn't you see Jack?'

'No! Where?'

'Under the trees. He saw us, as we took leave of each other.'

Poor fellow! he little thinks we have parted. This will be a blow to him, I am much afraid!'

She hurried on without resting, and hurried on until they had passed under the Gate House in the street; once there, she asked:

'Has he followed us? You can look without seeming to. Is he behind?'

'No. Yes! he is! He has just passed out under the gateway.'

The dear sympathetic old fellow likes to keep us

in sight. I am afraid he will be bitterly disappointed!'

She pulled hurriedly at the handle of the hoarse old bell, and the gate soon opened. Before going in, she gave him one last wide wondering look, as if she would have asked him with imploring emphasis: 'O! don't you understand?' And out of that look he vanished from her view.

DICKENS' SALE.—The Charles Dickens' sale, which took place on July 9, was one of the most remarkable ever held in the rooms of Messrs. Christie and Manson. Professional dealers were quite driven out of the competition, except when they were privately instructed to buy certain articles at any price. Dealers calculated, even making every allowance for the desire to obtain mementoes of Mr. Dickens, that the upset of the whole sale would not exceed 6,000l. or 7,000l. The pictures alone, however, fetched 7,698 guineas.

Firth's 'Dolly Varden' executed by the artist when very young, and which it is said, Mr. Dickens bought for 40l., fetched 1,000 guineas. Dickens' portrait by Macleise realised 600 guineas, and the three rough but most effective scene sketches of Stanfield nearly 1,300 guineas. Cattermole's two water colours from the 'Old Curiosity Shop' brought together 385 guineas; and a small painting which Dickens bought in New York 240 guineas. A very small cabinet picture by Hunt went for 320 guineas; and ten very small and barely legible pencil sketches by John Leech, all in one frame, though some were mere scraps which the artist himself would not doubt never have thought worth framing, were run up to 162 guineas. Other things went at like extraordinary prices. A common inkstand brought 11½ guineas; a Chinese going not worth 2l. realised 31 guineas; a modern Dresden salt cellar which did not cost 10s. was sold for 18½ guineas; and so on throughout. The Pickwick spoons, which it was stated in the room originally cost 40l. went separately for 267 guineas, or at the rate of nearly 10l. an ounce for silver. The raven, the Grip of Barnaby Rudge, was expected to fetch 20l. or 25l. It was a very badly stuffed bird, in an empty black wooden case, which was much too small for it. Before it had been offered a minute the biddings, rose to eighty guineas. From this point the contest was between Mr. Andrew Halliday and Mr. Nottage, of the London Stereoscopic Company, and the latter at last got the bird for the enormous sum of 120l. It is worth adding that the executors had no choice, but to let the sale take place when and in the manner he did; the injunctions of the will being precise and binding that the things specified were to be sold by auction within a month of Mr. Dickens' death.

A HORSE, A HORSE!—A toad under a harrow is the elegant figure by which we love to symbolize the maximum of apprehension combined with the minimum of protection. A parson in the hands of the *News Letter* is the next most nearly perfect illustration. The latter, indeed, is so touching a spectacle of helplessness that not infrequently it draws a tear from even our own arid clay, and from pure tenderness of heart we unjudiciously let go the clerical tail to brush away the unaccustomed drop (and get a better hold) when first thing we know the wretch is at it again. This has been the case with Scudder. For some weeks we rigorously abstained from buffeting him, in the vain hope that he might be won back to decency by the pure kindness of letting him severely alone. It went down not with Scudder. The moment you fold the lash he gets upon his hind legs, lays back his ears and emits a dissonant bray that jars loose all the secular teeth of the town; it is only the old religious grinders that can stand it. We have practiced this mistaken lenity enough, and Dr. Scudder will accept our intimation that so long as he retains his unpleasant identity he will swindle this establishment out of no more mercy. The immediate cause of this unalterable resolution is his sermon of last Sunday, which does now concern us in the least, and to which, for that reason, we do not propose to quietly submit. It would be tolerably easy to endure the contempt into which this extraordinary effort plunged other people, and to preserve a serene composure under the odium it heaped upon the church; but, when one of the appointed makes use of the pulpit to advertise a spavined horse for sale, it is taking bread out of the mouth of the press; and this we won't—because we can't—stand. If Scudder wants to sell that horse our columns are open to him. The announcement will cost but five dollars, and we will generously bestow upon that steed a character for equine virtue that would make the shade of old Bucephalus snort with envy, and throw the talking roadsters of Achilles into the smallest sort of comparative insignificance. We will even engage, for a merely nominal sum, to draw a comparison between Scudder's horse and the 'charger' which bore John the Baptist's head, by which the latter shall appear conspicuously ridiculous. But protection of our business interests is the supreme law, before which all other merely human considerations must go to the wall.—*American Paper.*

It is related that as some friends of Campbell, the author of *Hohenlinden*, were leaving his room after a late supper, one of the number had the misfortune to fall down a long flight of stairs. The poet, alarmed by the noise, opened the door, and inquired, 'What's that?'—'Tis I, sir, rolling rapidly!' was the prompt reply of his fallen friend.

While at New York, Mr. Sala, the author, became intimate with Jamieson, the actor. When Mr. Jefferson, another actor, was over here, Sala imagined it was Jamieson, and sent him a note:—'On Sunday, at half-past six,—pork and greens! Come on, old cuss!' As Mr. Jefferson was a stranger to Mr. Sala, he was a little surprised; but he went, and the host had no reason to regret the mistake.

The poet Gray was notoriously fearful of fire, and kept a ladder of ropes in his bed-room. Some mischievous young men at Cambridge, knowing this, roused him from below in the middle of a dark night with the cry of 'Fire!' The staircase, they said, was in flames. Up went the window, and down he came on his rope ladder as fast as he could into a tub of water, which they had placed there to receive him.

It is said some babies are so small that they can creep into quart measures. But the way in which some adults can walk into such measure is astonishing.

'Why do you call me Bridie, my dear?' inquired a wife of her husband. 'Because,' was the reply, 'you are always associated in my mind with a bill.'

A New York contemporary says that, owing to the pressure for room in the office of a rival paper, the latter's corps of foreign correspondents have removed to an adjoining hotel.

Never quarrel with your wife, as you only have to make it up, and pay for the reconciliation in the shape of a box at the opera, a trip the sea-side, a silk dress, or a cashmere shawl.

A lady once asked a gentleman what wit was like. To which he replied, 'Like your ladyship's bottle of *sal volatile*—poignant at the first opening, but on being too much handled about, it loses all its flavour, and becomes insipid.'

THE VIOLET—MAY 15TH, 1870.

'Tis told that once upon a long-past time,

The violets did hold a cheerful meeting,

And that with all their feeble breath divine

They sent unto the world a pleasant greeting;

Conveying love unto the human heart,

And teaching beauteous thoughts with subtle art.

But while they murmured in their dulcet tune
Their sweet thoughts into one another's ears,
And flirted with their honey-sweet perfume—
As violets flit, the cunning little dears!—
The burning sun uncouth his debut made,
And all the violets did straightway fade.

No, not quite all—one tiny little flower
Found shelter 'neath a friendly neighbor's bush,
Who tended her through many a sunny hour,
Taught her the melody of vagrant thush,
And poured into her soul the love of art,
And song and music 'stilled into her heart.
Just seventeen years ago—the story goes,
While May was blooming in her fullest glory,
Just seventeen years ago, in blissful throes,
The violet was born—and by the story,
Her soul now pours as from a golden chalice
Into the world her art. God calls her Alice.

THE CROSS ROADS.

Where the roads crossed we met,
My love and I;
In the near bay the ships
Toasted heavily.
Lamps were gone out on earth,
But those in heaven
Trembled, for two more hearts
That God had given.

His accents broke the pause;
My tongue was tied;
He found last words to say;
My sobs replied.
Then he drew my white face
Up to the light,
And said, 'Farewell, poor love!
Dear love, good night!'

At the cross road we kissed,—
I stood alone;
His was the seaward road,
Mine led me home.
He called, 'I shall return!'
I knew 'not so';
Not one in ten returns
Of those that go.
Dreary the great world grew,
And the sun cold;
So young an hour ago,
I had grown old.
Ow God made me for him;
We loved each other;
Yet fate gave him one road,
And me the other.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE.

BIRTH.
On the 12th Instant, at Colombo, the wife of F. W. Bois, Esq., of a son.

KANDY WEATHER.
Observations taken at the Survey Office, Kandy, 1713 feet above Mean Sea Level, and Read at 9-30 a. m.

Day of Week.	Day of month.	Barometer corrected and reduced to temp. of 32°	Thermometers.				General direction of Wind.	Horizontal movement of air in previous 24 hours.	Rainfall in previous 24 hours. In inches.
			Temperature of Air.	Temperature of Evaporation.	Max. in Sun.	Min. on Grass.			
Mo.	1	28.192	73.2	69.5	131.5	66.2	S W	67.	0.50
Tue.	2	28.161	75.0	68.9	143.7	65.5	S W	42.	0.05
Wed.	3	28.113	75.7	70.2	143.8	68.8	S W	48.	0.00
Th.	4	28.030	75.8	70.3	146.0	69.8	S W	69.	0.00
Fri.	5	28.09	77.8	69.9	142.0	68.8	S W	56.	0.06
Sat.	6	28.121	76.0	71.0	110.5	68.1	S W	65.	0.02
Sun.	7	28.127	75.0	69.8	136.2	66.1	N W	34.	1.55
Mo.	8	28.133	74.6	70.2	134.6	66.2	N W	8.	0.18
Tue.	9	28.153	73.0	69.8	143.0	68.6	W	37.	0.16
Wed.	10	28.155	75.9	69.4	140.4	66.4	W	72.	0.00

METHEOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT TRINCOMALEE.

For the Week ending Sunday, 7th July, 1870.
Reading at 9 o'clock A. M., 'Local Time.'

Days.	Dry Bulb.	Thermometer.				Direction of Wind.	Rain in previous 24 hours.	Cloud 0-10	Ozone. 0-10
		Wet Bulb.	Max.	Min.	Appr. Mean.				
Mon.	83.1	76.0	99.0	71.4	85.2	S. W	0.00	6.0	5.0
Tues.	85.7	76.8	101.5	71.2	86.1	S. W	0.00	3.0	5.0
Wed.	85.0	77.3	98.0	71.8	84.9	S. W	0.00	2.0	6.0
Thurs.	81.1	75.8	96.8	70.0	83.4	S. W	0.13	8.0	6.0
Friday	83.2	77.3	99.0	70.8	83.3	S. W	0.00	7.0	8.0
Satur.	84.4	78.3	95.8	68.6	82.2	S. W	0.85	7.0	9.0
Sun.	79.2	76.1	95.0	68.8	81.9	S. W	0.42	6.0	8.0

REMARKS.

Monday, fine, strong breeze, afternoon close, evening pleasant.
Tuesday, fine, light breeze, afternoon hot, evening pleasant.
Wednesday, light clouds, hot breeze, afternoon high breeze, evening pleasant.
Thursday, fine, cool breeze, afternoon thunder lightning, light shower.
Friday, fine, light breeze, afternoon and evening thunder and lightning.
Saturday, fine, light breeze, afternoon thunder and lightning heavy shower.
Sunday, fine, cool breeze, afternoon and evening light showers.

JOHN GALE, Sergeant,
Army Hospital Corps.

Trincomalee, 8th August, 1870.

METEOROLOGICAL, JULY 31st to AUGUST 6th.

Statement of the Atmospheric Pressure, Temperature, Rain fall and state of weather registered at 9-30 A. M. at Galle during the last seven days.

Date.	Barometer.	Tempera-ture.		Rain	Weather
		inches	sun air		
Sunday	31	29.823	142.5 78.9	0.23	Cloudy.
Monday	1	29.833	131.1 80.3	0.02	Fine.
Tuesday	2	29.822	133.8 80.4	Nil.	do.
Wednesday	3	29.786	135.5 80.1	Nil.	Cloudy.
Thursday	4	29.753	137.5 79.8	0.15	do.
Friday	5	29.780	134.4 80.4	Nil.	do.
Saturday	6	29.780	129.5 80.5	Nil.	do.

Oriental Bank Corporation.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER)

PAID UP CAPITAL £1,500,000

RESERVED FUND £444,000

Head Offices:—Threacneedle Street, London,

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6 month's sight 3½ o/o Premium.

4 " " 4½ o/o " "

3 " " 5 o/o " "

2 " " 5½ o/o " "

1 " " 6 o/o " "

Demand 6 o/o " "

They receive money from Depositors on current accounts and at 1, 2 and 6 months' notice of withdrawal.

They are prepared to discount at current rates for constituents, approved Local Bills not having more than four months to run. Such Bills are required to be lodged with the Manager before 12 o'clock. If sent in later they will be retained until next day for consideration.

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They are also prepared to grant advances on Cash Credit Bonds, collaterally secured, on terms specially adapted to the requirements of Planters and Agents. Particulars may be obtained on application at the Colombo Office.

R. V. DUNLOP.

Colombo, 5th August, 1870.

Acting Manager

Chartered Mercantile Bank of India London and China.

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for shorter periods at rates to be ascertained on application.

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Approved Bills not having more than 4 months to run discounted at current rates for Customers.

EXCHANGE.

The Bank purchases Bills and grants Drafts payable in London, Scotland and Ireland, Ceylon, India, Straits, China, Japan and Mauritius at Current rates. Drafts granted payable at the Branches of the Bank of New South Wales, Circular Notes issued negotiable in Egypt, Syria and the principal towns in Europe.

JAMES ROBERTSON.

Colombo, 1st January, 1869.

Manager

BANK OF MADRAS.

(Incorporated by Charter of the Imperial Government.)

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for 1 month at 2 per cent per annum.

" 2 months " 3 " do

" 6 do " 5 " do

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Realizing interest or dividends on do 4 per cent

Buying or Selling do 1

Returning to constituents do 1

A. RIACH.

Agent.

Colombo, 31st March, 1870.

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