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Cable News.

Special Evening Telegram, JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, December 11.

An attempt was made to-day to assassinate Sir Lionel Phillips, a leading gold magnate of South Africa. Three shots were fired. One bullet lodged in his neck, and another in his thigh. His condition is declared not to be grave. The would-be assassin was arrested. The attempt was made while he was walking on Commissioners Street, and is supposed to have been an outcome of the bitterness aroused against mine-owners, owing to the dissatisfaction of the miners in connection with the conditions of the settlement of the strike movement in September. At that time a series of riots occurred, in which a hundred miners were killed and many wounded when they came into armed conflict with the troops and police. The chief grievances were the great mortality in the mines, and the refusal of the owners to recognize unions. The miners were eventually forced to accept the owners' terms. Sir Lionel Phillips was closely identified with the late Cecil Rhodes and Alfred Beit. He was sentenced to death at Pretoria for participation in the Jameson raids, together with John Hays Hammond.

FRETOWN, Sierra Leone, December 11. Over 250 natives, it is believed, perished to-day, when a terrible tornado blizzed twenty canoes with some 400 natives aboard, out to sea. The cable ship Sentinel rescued 138 but no trace of the remainder could be found. The storm swept the town and port and did much damage.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 11. Resulting from the floods of the last ten days, 165 persons have perished, 20,000 are driven from home, and property is damaged to the extent of \$2,000,000. The crest of the flood, this forenoon, was slowly passing in the Brazos River delta in the Gulf.

LONDON, Dec. 11. The Secretary of the National Committee of the Postal Employees' Union stated to-day that there would be no strike at the post office during the Christmas season. It was at one time thought that nearly 100,000 Government Postal employees would come out.

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 11. The assailant of Sir Lionel Phillips proved to be not a miner, but a Dutch stonekeeper, named Nissum, and the crime was probably actuated by revenge for the loss of a recent suit against a mining group, with which Sir Lionel was connected.

The Frailty of Man.

We are all liable to error and will be so to the end of time - the most careful will make mistakes, sometimes, for are we not merely human? With the fact of our own frailty staring us in the face, would it be reasonable on our part to neglect the means placed within our reach for the elimination of error? Errors in the counting house are costly but they can be avoided by the use of present day inventions constructed as well as human ingenuity can suggest. It is to busy men that we speak - the other have no time to listen. To busy office-men the "Globe-Wernicke" devices come as a boon and a blessing, guarding as they do the essential records, which are the main vitality of business. These appliances are on view at Mr. Percie Johnson's office, and need only be seen to be appreciated.

Thirty years of English Literature.

When the Evening News was first published thirty years ago, the following writers were all alive. To-day the only one living is Dr. Stopford Brooke: Ruskin, Carlyle, Newman, Tennyson, Pater, Meredith, Besant, Black, Austin, Mrs. Oliphant, Lord Acton, J. A. Froude, Wilkie Collins, Mrs. Lynn Linton, George Gissing, Mrs. Humphrey Ward, Herbert Spencer, W. H. Hudson, H. D. Traill, Coventry Patmore, Lewis Carroll, W. S. Gilbert, John Davidson, Sydney Burney, Browning, Stevenson, Lecky, McCarty, Dean Farrar, Wm. Morris, Andrew Lang, John Richard Green, Richard Leppie, Bishop Creighton, E. A. Freeman, Bishop Stubbs, Anthony Trollope, Mrs. Henry Wood, W. E. Henley, Leslie Stephen, Stopford Brooke, W. H. Myers, Professor Dowden, Richard Garnett, Matthew Arnold, Edward Fitzgibbon, C. P. Snow, Locker Lamson, Mrs. Sharp, Flora Macleod, Mrs. E. B. Browning.

Warm soda water is the best thing with that to remove dirt, etc., from old furniture which is to be refinished. Fine white felt hats, past their usefulness, can be thoroughly washed and set back to their little mossiness for the baby.

Riot Caused by Pretty Maidens.

"Beauty That Drove Men Mad."

"They can't walk in the park," wrote Horace Walpole of the beautiful Gunninges, in 1761. For so, to Vauxhall, but such mobs follow them that they are generally driven away. Elizabeth Maria, and Kitty Gunninges were three beautiful sisters who, coming over from Ireland in 1760, took London by storm. Nor was the furore that their beauty created of brief duration, for nine years later we read in the London Chronicle of Maria Gunninges, by that time Countess of Coventry, and Lady Waldgrave, "that two ladies of distinction who had, it seems, been incommoded by the mob, as the phrase is, the Sunday before, walked up and down the walks in St. James's Park preceded by soldiers from the Guard - a precaution which gave no small offence to the rest of the company, who were frequently obliged to go out of their path to make way for the procession."

Stopped the Band! Equally potent was the beauty of the Countess of Castiglione, who, at her first appearance at a ball given by Napoleon III., at the Tuileries, created such a sensation on her entrance that the dancers stopped motionless and the strains of the band ceased, guests and musicians all pressing forward in their eagerness to catch a glimpse of the new-comer. Wherever she went afterwards her peerless loveliness produced a like effect, people climbing on to chairs and benches to see her pass, while when in 1852 she visited the London Opera the audience stood upon the seats and struggled for every place of vantage from which to gaze upon the lovely Florentine.

Whatever opinions may be expressed on the character of Fanny Murray, who, about the middle of the eighteenth century, was one of the toasts of the town, her beauty was beyond question, and created such a stir at Fumbyridge Wells, whither she went to drink the waters, as to necessitate the formation of a special guard of her admirers, who kept off the crowd that flocked and pressed round her when she walked on the Pantiles and other public resorts. Indeed, such was the fame of her beauty that from miles around the country, folk came in wagons, carriages, or any vehicle that could be procured - and when one was not available they hesitated not to walk that they might feast their eyes on the celebrity from town.

Rough on Boniface.

The good looks of Julie Durrier always drew after her a crowd when she walked through the streets of Margellia - a fact that the proprietor of an eating-house was not slow to avail himself when he engaged the girl to serve in his establishment. For a few days all went well, and Boniface was beginning to rejoice over his fortune, when he suddenly realized that one can have more than enough of a good thing when the crowd, of which the dimensions grew larger every day, swarmed into his establishment in their eagerness to view the beautiful Hebe, and on his attempting to eject some of the most persistent, broke into open "brawl," destroying the tables and chairs, breaking the glasses, and in short, wrecked the restaurant, when the cause of the uproar was lucky in escaping by a back exit. The next day the place was closed, and soon afterwards Mile Durrier left the town.

More extraordinary still was the sensation created at Toulouse towards the close of the sixteenth century by a paragon of beauty known only to fame as "La Belle Peante," who, after due consideration, accepted the invitation to appear in public she was at once surrounded by a crowd of men and women belonging to all classes, whose admiration grew to be a positive danger to its object, who ran more than a chance of being crushed to death in the press, as, indeed, was more than one of her worshippers. In these circumstances, appeal was made to the civic authorities, who, after due consideration, agreed to supply her with protection against her voracious admirers, on condition that she should at certain hours walk abroad so that the public might look upon her face. This, after some demur, she agreed to do, so twice a week the populace of Toulouse were permitted to collect in orderly throngs to view her whom they regarded as little less than a goddess.

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In Police Circles. Officers McGarth and Hickey were called to the dock premises last night to quell a disturbance created by a sailor who was half seas over. They succeeded in placing the bracelets on him, after some difficulty, when he was conveyed to the lockup in a cab. Another disciple of Bacchus tried to run matters after his own fashion in a west end restaurant, and when the police were called became as much as a lamb and quietly accepted the escort of the officers to the police station. Baked beans with a suggestion of Chilli sauce on them make a delicious filling for brown bread sandwiches. To keep a meringue from falling, mix a teaspoonful of baking powder just before putting the meringue on the pin.