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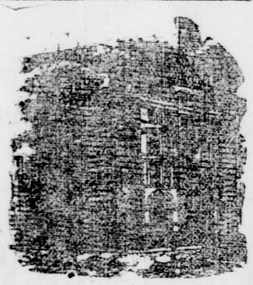

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Meeting of the Managing Boards at Galt.

Estimates and Appropriations for the Year's Work.

Galt, May 22.—The managing board of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Association of Ontario West met here yesterday in the Baptist Church, and drafted the following estimates for their work during 1897-98 among the Telugus of India. Village schools, $840; books and tracts $265; Bible women, $500; Miss Stovel and her work, $650; towards Zenana work $370; Miss Haskerville, $500; Cocanada Girls' School, $700; Miss MacLeod and her work, $625; Miss Hutch and her work, $590; Miss Priest's work, $110; Miss McLaurin's work, $145; Miss Fulsom, $500; towards Miss Simpson's furlough allowance, $125; Samulcotta Seminary, $536; seminary students at work during vacation, $155; home expenses, $100; special appropriations towards building at Peddapuram for lady missionary, $200; grant to Samulcotta Seminary, payable monthly, $500; total estimates, $6,841.

The inaugural meeting of the newly-elected board of the Women's Baptist Home Missions Society was also held with the president, Mrs. C. J. Holman in the chair, and 25 members present. The following appropriations were made for Ontario, covering the period of six months only: For work done by students in districts where there is no regular pastor, $500 — Midland $150, Bracebridge $150, Sault Ste. Marie $75, Sundridge $60, Burk's Falls and vicinity $120, Parry Sound $150, North Bay $25. It was decided to open a mission at Rat Portage, and $140 was voted towards this object. It was decided to spend $1,050 for work amongst the Swedes in the Northwest. The Rev. L. M. Stolberg has charge of this work, and is not only a pastor, but a general missionary to Swedes in the Northwest as well.

The appropriations for Quebec are as follows: Missionary's salary, $500; assistant's salary, $100; in Quebec city for six students at Grand Ligne, $600; and towards the Protestant schols at Coaticoke, $50; incidental expenses $125.

HEAVY FIRE LOSSES.

Hoboken Visited Twice in One Night—Damage Estimated at $650,000..

New York, May 22.—Twice Thursday night fire visited Hoboken, N. J., and the loss was heavy. One whole block was reduced to ashes, and 140 families were rendered homeless. A factory 400 feet long by 50 deep, that extended the full length of the block, was burned. The factory was occupied by Strauss & Co., Gallagher & Palmer, Marrows & Denton, and Heath, wall paper manufacturers, and with its contents was worth $250,000. There were fourteen of the double flats, each one valued at $15,000. Six canal boats were destroyed. The property loss was estimated at $650,000.

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On Current Events in Europe--Balfour's Proposals a Great Surprise--Tenants to Be Relieved of $2,000,000 Yearly Taxation.

Bargain Stage Reached in the Graeco-Turkish Situation—Epidemic of Disease May Follow in the Wake of War—Peculiar Parisian Divorce Case—Collapse of Business in London Theaters—Hogarth to Be Presented on the Stage.

London, May 23.—The scheme of the Government for the relief of Ireland, as outlined in the House of Commons Friday by the First Lord of the Treasury, Mr. A. J. Balfour, was sprung as a surprise upon most of the members, and is the leading topic for discussion in the political world today. Both parties attributed it to the influence of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and it is admitted by all that it will do much to popularize the Government in Ireland and also among its progressive supporters in England. On the other hand, many Liberals believe it will help them rather than the "Unionists," for if it is a success it will disarm the opposition to home rule. Under the scheme the landlords will receive about £250,000 ($1,250,000) yearly, and the tenants will be relieved of about £400,000 ($2,000,000) of yearly taxation. It is understood that the project was approved at Thursday's Cabinet council, and that before it is submitted to Parliament its salient features will be communicated in confidence to the leading Irish landlords.

Mr. Timothy M. Healy and a couple of other Irish members of Parliament in one of the Liberal newspapers describe the scheme as a minor revolution, largely democratic and beneficent in giving local government to Ireland.

SETTLING DAY.

The Graeco-Turkish trouble has now fairly entered upon its diplomatic bargaining stage, and the negotiations are expected to last for some time. Many important differences have to be settled, and the Sultan of Turkey may be counted upon to drag the affair along as much as possible, with the view of bringing out the latent jealousies of the powers. His prompt compliance with the czar's request to arrange for an armistice is not attributed entirely to his desire to please the czar, but is looked upon as a stroke of diplomacy intended to excite the resentment of some other power and thus weaken the concert. Thus far everything tends to show the powers remain in entire agreement on the question. A European conference is discussed, but it is not thought likely to take place until the preliminaries of peace are arranged. Then the ambassadors at Constantinople, with the delegates of Turkey and Greece, may meet to settle upon the treaty of peace. There is a strong feeling in favor of international control of Greek finances, without which the payment of indemnity to Turkey and the interest on the Greek debt is declared to be impossible. The Greeks insist that if an indemnity is imposed upon them there will be a general collapse and serious internal troubles will occur. They estimate the damage done to Thessaly at 25,000,000 drachmas, and they say another 10,000,000 drachmas will be needed to supply the peasants with food and tools. Moreover, they say, the revenue will be greatly reduced owing to the immense damage to cultivation throughout the country, due to the absence of thousands of workers. This year's budget will probably leave a deficit of 60,000,000 drachmas. The Greek statements, however, are now received with certain skepticism. It is pointed out that by the admissions of the Greeks themselves 70 per cent of the interest of the debt, which they have not paid, has been set aside in order to have money for the war, and that, consequently, Greece is certainly in a position to continue paying 30 per cent interest and probably considerably more if her finances are placed under international control.

Advices from the scenes of the recent fighting mention the possibility of a serious epidemic disease when the heat increases, owing to the putrifying corpses and horses left rotting in every ditch.

UNPOPULARITY OF THE GRECIAN ROYAL FAMILY.

The popular feeling at Athens against the royal family of Greece does not diminish. The stories of the "excessive prudence" of Crown Prince Constantine at the front have done much to weaken the dynasty.

The correspondent of the Eclair, of Paris, at Athens, says: "The people are intensely violent, utterances are heard against the royalties, and groups loudly discuss them in the streets. Upon the boat from St. Alida to Athens, I heard a popular man exclaim insultingly against the king, and not one of the 300 passengers, including officers, lifted a voice in defense of him."

The correspondent of the Eclair adds that an ex-minister said to him: "We are all republicans, but we have not the men to found a republic, and the dynasty is profiting by the quarrel, so that parties are struggling against each other, not on the programmes, but on questions of personality. The king, queen and princesses are passing a bad time. When visiting the hospitals, the princesses have been requested not to enter some of the wards, owing to the intense excitement of the wounded, and in other wards the king was greeted with murmurs, and often with insulting and sarcastic retorts to his questions. The crown prince is the most execrated. Even his friends admit he dare not enter Athens for many months."

DIVORCE SUIT, TERRY VS. TERRY.

The hearing of the cross divorce suit brought by Antonio Terry against his wife was resumed yesterday. A divorce was granted to both parties on the ground of adultery, and the custody of their child was given to its grandmother, who was ordered to place the child in a convent until she is 18 years of age, or until her marriage. The mother will be allowed to visit the child, and the latter will divide her holidays with her mother and father. Alimony to the amount of $800 per month is allowed Mrs. Terry. The court found that Mr. Terry's marriage was according to the United States law. This will have bearing on the property questions involved.

Antonio Terry, who has just been divorced from his wife in his countersuit—although she was also granted a divorce on her original suit—is said to be engaged to marry Sibyl Sanderson, the prima donna, who was named by Mrs. Terry as co-respondent. Mr. Terry, in the action just ended, charged Mrs. Terry with improper relations with a man not named.

THEFT OF AN HISTORICAL DIAMOND.

It is reported here from Hyderabad that the historical gem known as the imperial diamond, sold by Alexander Jacob (the original of Francis Marion Crawford's "Mr. Isaacs"), by a jeweler of Simla to the Nizam of Hyderabad, has been stolen from the Government treasury, and replaced by a paste diamond. The affair has caused a great sensation as the nizam intended to present the diamond to her Majesty Queen Victoria upon the occasion of her jubilee. Jacob, after a long trial in 1891, for appropriating twenty-three lakhs of rupees, deposited by the nizam as earnest to purchase the gem, was acquitted.

THE LONDON THEATERS.

With few exceptions, there has been a remarkable slump in the business of the theaters. The suddenness of the collapse has nonplussed the managers. Plays that have been doing splendidly have gone to nothing, and it is evident the Queen's jubilee will not be a blessing to the theatrical managers. A remarkable exception to this rule is the Adelphi Theater, where the Americans are appearing, which is packed nightly. Every paper in town bestows the highest praise upon the American company of actors, and Charles Frohman is so pleased that he his trying to cancel his American dates and stay here during the autumn and winter. As he is obliged to surrender the Adelphi on June 12 to Sarah Bernhardt, he is seeking for another house; but if he is unable to find one, he will take his company to Paris until the end of Bernhardt's season, as he wants to see how the Parisians will receive a purely American play.

Theatrical London is to have a new sensation—no less than a presentation of Hogarth on the stage. For two years Weedon Grossmith has been engaged in designing the costumes, scenery and properties of a play, specially written for him by Thomas Hatton, intended to faithfully transfer to the "traffic of the stage" the famous series of Hogarth pictures known as "The Idle Apprentice," which, by the way, will be the title of the play. The part of the hero, Jack Sheppard, will be played by Weedon Grossmith. The principal role, however, will be that of Jonathan Wild, the celebrated thief catcher, and as yet no one has been cast for the part. Mr. Grossmith's wife, May Palfrey, will be included in the cast. "The Idle Apprentice" will be a drama in fourt acts. The first act will be divided into no less than five scenes. The principal difficulty that now confronts Mr. Grossmith is to find a theater sufficiently large to admit of the setting of his piece.

The management of the Haymarket have accepted from Sydney Grundy an adaptation of a well known work by the elder Alexander Dumas. It is a pure comedy of the domestic order, with its scene laid in the romantic period of Louis XIV.

PURPOSE OF ROME.

Important Ruling of the Vatican Bearing on the Church in This Country.

Chicago, May 23.—Information was obtained yesterday that Rome has just transmitted to the Catholic Church in the United States the most significant ruling of recent years, bearing on ecclesiastical matters in America. The decision, which has reference to parishes made up of foreigners, is literally as follows:

1. Children born in America of foreign parents whose native language is not the English, are not obliged when of age to become members of the parish to which their parents belong; but they have the right to join a parish in which the language of the country—that is, English—is used.

2. Catholics not born in America but knowing the English language have the right of becoming members of the parish in which English is in use, and they cannot be compelled to submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the rector of a church built for people who continue to speak the language of a foreign country.

The evident purpose of Rome is to make English the language of the American Church as speedily as possible, and thus to encourage the development of a spirit of more perfect union among the members of the Catholic faith. Parishes in which a foreign language is used are tolerated as temporary institutions which will disappear as soon as the conditions making their erection expedient will have passed away. The present ruling is perfectly consistent with the enlightened general policy adopted and followed by Leo XIII.

AERONAUT'S FATAL FALL.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 22.—Mons. Lee, an aeronaut, began to ascend about 7 o'clock last night, and had gone but a short distance when he found the wind was too strong. He cut loose from the trapeze and fell on the sharp roof of the Edies building. An arm and leg were broken and his skull was fractured. He will die.

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Washington, May 22.—An egg famine has resulted in Cuba from the war, and U.S. Vice-Consul Hyatt, Santiago, suggests that there is an excellent market for eggs there. They sell in Cuba for about 40 cents a dozen. The duties amount to about 10 cents a dozen.

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Ottawa, May 23.—Dr. McEachran, chief veterinary inspector of the Department of Agriculture, gave evidence as the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, and the Minister of Agriculture, as well as the Ontario Minister of Agriculture gave addresses, announcing their policy on the subject of tuberculosis. Dr. McEachran explained how the disease was spread and advised an expenditure of a hundred thousand dollars this year as compensation to get rid of the disease by applying the tuberculin test and slaughtering diseased animals in all herds found to be affected, and disinfecting the premises.

The minister did not agree with this, preferring the educative process, and encouraging farmers to apply the test themselves.

Mr. Dryden also adopted this view strongly.

Mr. Fisher addressed the committee on the subject of tuberculosis. He was not in favor of going ahead of public opinion in this matter of testing and slaughtering. Public opinion was not ripe for a law of that kind. He would, however, try to induce owners to ascertain by tests if their animals had tuberculosis. At present the law discouraged that. If people were induced voluntarily to test their herds such a large sum as a hundred thousand dollars would not be required. In many herds two or three animals might be found affected with the disease under the test, but the other animals might be all right, and the slaughtering only of these two or three animals would be required. One danger, Mr. Fisher pointed out, was that the milk of an affected herd might be taken to a factory, and the curd and whey taken back and fed to animals not affected. He could not see his way to an elaboration of a scheme involving a vote of a hundred thousand dollars. He thought they might arouse public feeling and accomplish results at much less cost.

Mr. Dryden, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, opposed any system of searching the herds of Canada for tuberculosis, and a wholesale slaughtering off. He preferred an educative process and encouraging the farmers and cattle owners themselves to make the tuberculin test. He would furnish the facilities for this free.

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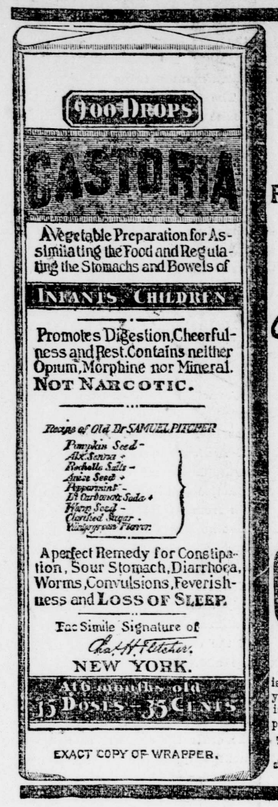

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