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GENERAL NEWS.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Major Ashley (*Cons.*, Lancashire) asked Sir Edward Grey whether in view of the probability of Mulai Hafid's position as the actual ruler of Morocco becoming legalised, he was prepared to communicate with the Powers signatory to the Algeciras Acts with a view to Mulai Hafid being by them recognised as Sultan. In reply Sir Edward said that it would not be a profitable task for the British Government to take the initiative in any question concerning Morocco. With regard to the question addressed to him he referred the Hon. Member to the detailed information which the French Foreign Minister had vouchsafed in the *Chambre* last week. To this he had nothing to add.

THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION.

London, June 23.

A meeting of the British section of the Inter-parliamentary Union took place today in one of the Committee rooms of the House of Commons, with Lord Weir dale in the chair. It was notified that the next Inter-parliamentary Conference will be held in Berlin on the 10th, 11th, and 12th of September, in the rooms of the *Reichstag*. Among the subjects that the British section wishes to be discussed is the inviolability of private property at sea.

THE SLEEPING SICKNESS.

London, June 23.

Reuter learns that a new Commission is to be sent out to Uganda under Colonel David Bruce, to study the sleeping sickness. It will further investigate Koch's theory that crocodiles furnish the nourishment of the *glossina palpalis*. The Commission will start on September 25.

MOTOR 'BUSES IN THE CITY.

A well-attended meeting was held at the Mansion House on Monday, under the chairmanship of the Lord Mayor, to consider the question of "preventing or abating noisy and dangerous motor traffic in the City of London." The first resolution called on the Government

"To provide the police with regulations enabling them to regulate the construction and use of motor vehicles, as the excessive noise, speed, and noxious fumes of a large proportion of motor-omnibuses, traction-engines, and other power-drawn vehicles are rendering the thoroughfares of the Metropolis—and especially those in the more crowded areas of the City—dangerous for pedestrians and for the ordinary traffic."

Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, who was to have moved the resolution, wrote, according to the *Globe*, that now it was the motorist instead of the police who decided what was driving to the common danger (hear, hear). He had been very much struck by the fact that there was no one to take up the cause of the poorer classes who were affected in this matter (hear, hear).

Mr. D. J. Morgan, in moving the resolution, stated that in the City of London Club they were now unable to have their windows open in summer. They had come together to consider what they would agree with him was "an unmitigated nuisance" (applause).

Mr. F. D. Bowles, C.C., seconded the resolution. Mr. Sidney Morse rose from the audience on behalf of the trade. He appealed to his hearers not to do anything to kill a new industry.

Mr. B. S. Straus, M.P., speaking from the platform, said he supposed he had been asked there because of the Bill he recently brought into the House of Commons amid cheers. Anybody who had seen the riot in Whitechapel would have realised that unless the racing of motor omnibuses was stopped some motor 'bus driver would be lynched. No fewer than 4,720 accidents by motor omnibuses occurred in London last year, and of these 36 were fatal, and personal injuries were received in 1,068 cases. Motor cars and cycles were responsible for 5,559 accidents, and in 2,055 of these cases personal injuries were received, and 66 proved fatal.

The discussion was continued by several speakers. Mr. Clarkson, a motor omnibus manufacturer, contended that the makers were doing a great deal, and said much of the nuisance had been caused by company promoters putting foreign motor omnibuses on the road.

The resolution was carried with only five dissentients, and was followed by another advocating the formation of a central traffic board.

NEWS FROM INDIA.

Calcutta, June 23.

Three more arrests were made here today in connection with the recent bomb-outrages.

NEWS FROM AMERICA.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland died yesterday at Princeton, New Jersey, aged 71.

Stephen Grover Cleveland was born at Caldwell, Essex Co., N.J., March 18th, 1837. In 1855 he went to Buffalo and became clerk in a law office; in 1859 he was admitted to the bar, was Assis. District Attorney in Erie Co. 1863—6, sheriff in the same county 1870—3, and then established himself in law practice. In 1881 he was elected mayor of Buffalo, and in the year following he was nominated and elected Governor of New York. In 1884 he was elected President of the U.S. as Democrat, over James G. Blayne, Republican. During this term, in 1886, he married Frances Folsom, 27 years his junior. In 1888 he was again nominated, but defeated by Benjamin Harrison. He returned to law practice, this time in New York, and was again elected President in 1892, defeating President Harrison. After his second retirement from the White House he took up his residence in Princeton, N.J.

MR. TAFT'S NARROW ESCAPE.

New York, June 22.

A telegram from Cleveland, Ohio, states that the special train conveying Mr. William Taft had a narrow escape from being wrecked yesterday, owing to the breaking of a piston-rod. A disaster was happily averted by the prompt action of a telegraph operator in a signal box, who, seeing that there was something the matter, brought the train to a standstill.

MISS REID'S WEDDING.

The American Ambassador in Paris, Mr. Henry White, with Mrs. White and Miss White, arrived in London on Monday for the wedding of Miss Whitelaw Reid, which took place yesterday.

MR. SHERMAN IN HOSPITAL.

Cleveland (Ohio), June 23.

The Republican candidate for the Vicepresidency, Mr. Sherman, is suffering of gall-stones and lying in hospital here. An operation will most likely be necessary, but the patient's condition gives no cause for alarm.

Later: The doctors have now agreed that no operation will be necessary. Mr. Sherman will leave the hospital very likely in a few days.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH VENEZUELA BROKEN OFF.

Washington, June 23.

The State Department has announced officially that the American representative in Venezuela has left there on board the S. S. "Marietta" and that the U. S. are at present not represented there. The departure of the *chargé d'affaires* has been caused by the U. S.'s inability to obtain the satisfaction demanded by their ambassador from President Castro.

New York, June 24.

The *Associated Press* reports from Caracas that American interests (which have been entrusted to the care of the Brazilian embassy) are met with equal opposition by President Castro as the interests of the European Powers.

ARMY INCREASE.

New York, June 23.

The acting Secretary of War Mr. Olliver said yesterday in a conversation in a military camp that President Roosevelt planned the establishment of a standing army of 250,000 men, divided into eight corps, providing that Congress will vote the money and the country will furnish the recruits. This army is to consist of a *cadre* equal in number to the present army, and of volunteers who are to be trained in eight military camps.

CHOLERA AMONG THE U. S. SOLDIERS.

New York, June 24.

According to cable advices from Manila cholera has broken out in the camp at Grogg among the American troops, and that fatalities have already occurred.

NEWS FROM GERMANY.

AN ENGLISH TRAWLER SEIZED.

Cuxhaven, June 23.

The English trawler "Arcadia" from Grimsby was found fishing in German waters off Norderney by the German torpedo-boat S 42 and taken into Cuxhaven. The trawler was taken into custody.

TRAIN DERAILED.

The Cologne—Berlin express met with an accident on Tuesday between Wattenscheid and Bochum, four cars running off the line. A few people were slightly injured. The first part of the train continued its journey.

COUNT ZEPPELIN'S SECOND ASCENT.

Count Zeppelin made another ascent with his new airship quite unexpectedly at Friedrichshafen on Tuesday at 5 p. m., remaining in the air for two hours. The Count is thoroughly satisfied with the alterations effected in the steering-gear and hopes to be able to make his trialtrip of a longer duration in about fourteen days.

THE DUMA FINANCE COMMITTEE.

St. Petersburg, June 23.

The united Budget and Military Committee of the Duma held a secret sitting yesterday at which the Finance Minister, the War Minister, and the Chief of the General Staff were present. The subject of discussion was a special credit for supplementing the war supplies amounting to 293,000,000 roubles. The Committee approved of a provisional issue of 93,000,000 roubles by instalments, the first instalment to be issued this year.

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