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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

If it be really true, as reported to-day, that peace has been concluded between China and Japan, the news will be most welcome. Of course the terms of the agreement will have to be closely examined by the Powers chiefly concerned, viz., England, France, and Russia, before approaching finality on the question. It is also recorded this morning that Japan is willing to reduce the war indemnity by the little sum of one hundred million yen (about £15,000,000 sterling). But Japan may even be more generous, and yet her demands will be regarded as quite large enough for the occasion.

A few hours has altered the aspect of affairs in Chitral. On Saturday events had progressed so far and so satisfactorily that we felt justified in saying that it was all over except the shouting. Indeed, it looked at that time, with Umra Khan in retreat and with his forces disorganised, as though the little war was practically ended. But our foes are resourceful as well as brave, and they have rallied so well and showed such stratagem as to draw out and drive back the British forces. In short, we have received a check. But it is only a temporary check, and it is exceedingly fortunate that the Guides got out of a very awkward place with so slight a numerical loss. Nevertheless, though only one fell in the skirmish, that one was the gallant commander of the Guides himself, a brave and experienced officer whose place will not easily be filled. The Corps of Guides attached to the Second Brigade crossed a river on Friday in order to dislodge some of the enemy's sharpshooters. Attacked by large bodies of tribesmen, they were forced to retreat, and it was then that Colonel Battye, who was in command, was killed by a bullet. It is claimed that the incident has no significance from a military point of view. But its moral effect must be considerable, and this check, and the death of Colonel Battye, must increase the heavy difficulties which the expedition have already to contend with.

There are five constituencies at the present time without representatives. The death of Sir George Chesney caused a vacancy at Oxford, the retirement of the Speaker that in the boroughs of Warwick and Leamington, and there are places to be filled in Mid Norfolk, East Wicklow, and East Leeds. In three out of the five the public will take an unusual interest owing to the peculiar conditions under which the contests take place. The circumstances of Warwick and Leamington need not be repeated; but in Mid Norfolk Mr. Higgins has discovered that he cannot agree with the policy of the Government of which he has been a supporter since the last general election, and Mr. Sweetman has sought the Chiltern Hundreds after ratting from the Anti-Parnellite party. He has left the McCarthyites, and been effusively welcomed by Mr. John Redmond. All things considered, we may look for lively times in East Wicklow.

It is fortunate, or unfortunate, that the question of the strained relations between the Conservatives and their Liberal Unionist allies should have been brought into such public prominence at a time when party political are practically in abeyance. Public attention is to-day, for instance (so far as it concerns itself at all with home politics on a general holiday) divided between the four or five pending elections, and it is by no means exciting platform speech by the Foreign Secretary. Still, Lord Kimberley speaks with so much authority by reason of the importance of the post he occupies as head of the Department which directs the vast interests of this country in every quarter of the globe that his speech is of interest, although his remarks at Norfolk dealt mainly with the situation at home. He does not own that the Government is moribund, and he claimed for it that it had gone a very long way towards fulfilling the pledges that bound it, although the pledges were at one time regarded as impossible of fulfilment. But even then the situation is not satisfactory from the Liberal point of view. They have ever the fear of the elections before their eyes, and naturally Lord Kimberley looks forward to the time when the existence of the Upper House with its present powers for mischief shall be removed. It is a curious thing that Lord Kimberley's only reference to foreign affairs dealt, not with our interests in India, but with the Armenian question. He declared that the persecuted Armenians had the strongest sympathy of all the members of the Cabinet, whose desire it was to find some remedy for the grievances under which they suffered.

To turn to the decidedly interesting discussion on Mr. Chamberlain's position, those who have been inclined to make light of the anonymous newspaper attacks from the Unionist standpoint will be somewhat astonished at the very serious way in which the "Spectator" has taken the dispute to heart. The point of the matter is, the articles in question are not to be dismissed as mere anonymous squibs. Undoubtedly they voice what many Conservatives have been thinking and conversing about for some time, and so the "Spectator" is bound to regard the growing disposition among the Tories to believe that they lose more than they gain by their alliance with the Liberal Unionists" as "the most political omen of the moment." Nor is the "Spectator" alone in this somewhat ominious pronouncement. The "Birmingham Post" is, of course, greatly concerned for Mr. Chamberlain's position, and so is the "Observer," as also Mr. Arnold White, who ventures to speak for the entire body of Liberal Unionist opinion in the North of England. All these unite in assuring the Conservatives that it is hopeless for them to expect to succeed unaided against the Home Rule party. Mr. Arnold White, indeed, ventures to assert that if Mr. Chamberlain is driven out of politics (an eventuality which is even now being discussed) the Conservatives in the Northern counties will be smitten hip and thigh, for "Northumberland, Durham, and the North generally are Liberal to the backbone." By entreating and by warning, therefore, the Conservatives are exhorted to subdue the murmurers amongst them.

Mr. Chamberlain is the keystone of the position. So says the "Spectator," and the Birmingham organ naturally re-echoes this sentiment. "Whether the Gladstonians carry the next general election or not depends entirely on the firm maintenance of that great alliance between the Liberal Unionists and the progressive Conservatives, of which Mr. Chamberlain is the keystone." Yet it is assumed that he might easily be driven to retire from the campaign. Consequently, Mr. Balfour is implored to repudiate with no uncertain voice the attacks that have been made on his colleague. Not that it is believed the Conservative leader connives in the abuse levelled at the member for West Birmingham; but it is felt that the time has arrived when Mr. Balfour's "characteristic chivalry" might suggest a frank repudiation. Mr. Arnold White puts the same demand bluntly enough. "Either they" (*i.e.* the Conservative leaders), he says, "tacitly approve of the 'Standard' articles, Sir Henry Howorth's articles, and the 'New Review' attack, or they do not. If the latter, no mere private secretary's benediction is sufficient to meet the case. Mr. Balfour himself should speak out. If, however, there is a desire to get rid of Mr. Chamberlain as having served his purpose, let us know the fact." Can Mr. Balfour resist these appeals? His own secretary has disclaimed authorship of the bitterest of the articles in the most handsome manner. But this is not enough.

Mr. Chamberlain once said that to fully appreciate great statesmen, as also lofty mountains, a distant view is a necessary condition. The "Birmingham Daily Post" feels this in the present juncture. It recognises the necessity of painting all the virtues of its political hero, but declares it is difficult to speak in Birmingham of Mr. Chamberlain "with the fulness of commendation which he deserves, or with the close analysis requisite to exhibit the strength, the qualities, and the wide-reaching influence of his great personality." The author of the article in the "New Review," who is willing to declare himself to Mr. Chamberlain, but who, as regards the public demand for his identity, sees "no reason for gratifying impertinent curiosity on a subject which only concerns editor and contributor," wrote "far away from London in a solitude which precluded my seeking or obtaining the advice of any one." "Z" had the distance of view which cannot be obtained by the editor of the "Post." Is Mr. Chamberlain content with the "appreciation"?

THE CHITRAL EXPEDITION.

TEMPORARY CHECK.

A BRITISH OFFICER KILLED.

RELEASE OF LIEUTENANT EDWARDES.

A temporary check was given to the British advance to Chitral on Saturday. The Second Brigade, which was leading, had advanced without opposition to Sada, on the Panjkora River, and on the 13th the Guides Infantry, under the command of Col. Battye, were sent across the river to reconnoitre and punish the villagers who had been firing on the British camp. Col. Battye had advanced some distance when he encountered a strong force of the tribesmen, and a retreat became necessary. Orders were immediately given for a covering force to move on to the river, while General Waterfield and his staff with a number of other officers took up a position from which they could watch the opeartions. The 4th Sikhs, the Scottish Borderers, and the Gordon Highlanders moved up to the banks of the Panjkora, while Captain Peebles, two Maxims, and the Mountain Battery were got into position to cover the retreat of the Guides, who were by this time clearly seen slowly retiring down the spurs of the hills, followed and closely pressed by a crowd of tribesmen, who could not come to close quarters, but kept up a continuous, though ineffective, fire from the higher ridges. The retreat was being accomplished in a manner which spoke of masterly leading. There was no hurrying. A halt would be made, the rear files would pour a withering fire into the midst of the pursuers, and the sudden checking of the advance of the tribesmen, with the confusion in their ranks, told its own tale. Then the mountain guns began playing on the enemy, who by this time were from 1,600 to 1,800 yards distant, and the rifles of the Scottish regiments soon got the range also. The Bajauris were falling fast, but pressed on with the greatest courage. When the Guides had got to the foot of the hills they had to cross a stretch of open plain in order to reach the river, and here matters began to assume a more serious aspect. Two large bodies of the tribesmen had joined together and were moving rapidly in hot pursuit, determined evidently to cut off the retiring infantry if possible. In the open the fire from the British side of the river had to slacken down, as there was danger of the retreating men being hit, and the Guides had to depend upon themselves. Colonel Battye could be seen giving orders, and his men formed into sections with the steadiness of the parade ground. The manœuvring was perfect. First one section halted, fired a volley, and resumed the retreat. Then another followed in like fashion and so on with absolute order and regularity. Words of admiration broke from all the officers who were watching the movement, and a general cry of regret and concern was uttered when Colonel Battye, who was directing the operations from the rear, was seen to fall just as the Guides were within hail of the shelter of their camp. The pursuers followed them up to within 30 yards, but were then compelled to give way before the furious fire which was poured into them. They suffered very heavily. Communication was easily opened with the Guides, and it was learned that Colonel Battye was dead, having been killed instantaneously by a bullet. Three Sepoys were also killed, and among the wounded are Captain Peebles, "dangerously" and a number of privates "severely" and "slightly."

The latest report is that the tribesmen, disheartened by the heavy losses they have sustained, have dispersed. Umra Khan himself is represented to be in no fighting mood, and it is thought not unlikely that he may not offer any further resistance.

Lieutenant Edwardes has arrived safely in camp at Sada, having been sent in by Umra Khan. His companion officer, Lieutenant Fowler, is reported safe, and his speedy release is expected.

The gallant officer whose death is announced, Lieut.-Colonel F. D. Battye, served with the Corps of Guides throughout the Jowaki Afreedee Expedition in 1877, under General Keyes, and received the medal with clasp. He also served with the Guides in the Afghan war of 1878, and was present at the capture of Ali Musjid, and in operations round Cabul in December, 1879. In the storming of the Asmai Heights he was severely wounded. In 1880 he was present at the engagement of Chara-Siab (April 25th), was mentioned in the despatches, and received the medal with two clasps. Three years ago he took part in the Hazara Expedition, in command of the Queen's Own Corps of Guides, and was afterwards mentioned in the despatches.

THE WAR IN THE EAST.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

A report has reached Shanghai from Hiroshima that the terms of peace between China and Japan were finally settled on Saturday. It appears, however, that the Peace Plenipotentiaries did not meet on that day, but it is expected, according to a despatch from Yokohama, that a final decision will be come to at their next meeting. The Japanese have made a concession by reducing the amount claimed as a war indemnity, but they still demand the cession of the Liaotung Peninsula, in which Port Arthur is situated.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS AT SHARPNESS.

April 13.—Westbury ss, Bubear, 213, Bristol, general
Dashwood, Mabbot, 73, Cardiff, empty
Trow Brothers

SAILINGS.

April 13.—St. Petersburgh, Andersen, Quebec, ballast
Pehr Brahe, Sundman, Pensaçola, ballast
Trow Thor

SERIOUS RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

PASSENGER TRAIN OFF THE LINE.

MARVELLOUS ESCAPES.

An accident occurred on Saturday evening to the 5 p.m. ordinary train from Plymouth for Penzance. It left Millbay, the Plymouth terminus, punctually at the hour, consisting of two engines, seven carriages, a meat van, and two horse boxes. At Liskeard three carriages were detached, and the train proceeded with the remaining coaches fairly well filled with excursionists and market people. After passing Doublebois Station there is a decline to Bodmin-road, and the train was going down this portion at a high rate of speed, when the leading engine left the metals. The passengers became alarmed by the violent swaying of the carriages, which was followed in two or three seconds by a crash; and on those in the rear carriages alighting, it was seen that both engines were overturned, and that the entire train, with the exception of the horse boxes, was off the line. The front engine, it appeared, had plunged into the bank on the down side of the track, while the second was thrown obliquely across the up rails. The foremost carriage had mounted the second engine, but the others, though they had left the metals and were somewhat injured, remained upright.

Fortunately no lives were lost, and although the carriage which mounted the second engine contained three compartments full of people, the personal injuries sustained were limited to cuts, bruises, and severe shakings among the passengers, the drivers and firemen escaping with slight scaldings. The worst case among the passengers was that of Mr. Butcher, aged 70, of Penzance, whose hand was badly cut. He seemed at first greatly prostrated, but after medical treatment he was able to continue his journey with the others, when arrangements for carrying on traffic below Bodmin-road had been made. The engine drivers and their mates had marvellous escapes. Driver Rule, of the pilot engine, a Penzance man, was thrown a considerable distance, and sustained a cut over one eye, whilst his fireman was scalded about the chest and hands. Lamerton, the driver of the second engine, also a Penzance man, found himself, with his assistant, under the prostrate locomotive, but it had so fallen that neither received any hurt except a few scratches, and they were soon able to extricate themselves. Uren, the occupant of the guard's van next the engines, also had a narrow escape. The end of the van at which he was sitting was crashed into, and he received a violent blow in the back; but he was able to render assistance. Sergt. Peploe, of the Devon and Cornwall Light Infantry, states that he travelled in a carriage with six other young men. After the train had left Doublebois they heard a rumbling noise, and saw that the train had left the metals. One of the party shouted to them to lie down. They immediately did so as best they could along the floor and seats. Then the impact occurred, and they escaped with severe shakings and slight wounds. Two children travelling alone in the foremost compartment of the carriage which had mounted the overturned engine escaped without a scratch. Mr. Conybeare, M.P., who was awaiting the arrival of the train at Bodmin-road Station, took charge of the children and escorted them to Penzance. Traffic was carried on on Sunday by running the trains to the scene of the accident, and then transferring the mails and passengers.

The accident was witnessed from the adjoining turnpike road by a cyclist, who at once rode to Bodmin-road station at full speed, and information of the accident was thus received by the railway authorities much sooner than it could have been conveyed by any other means, the scene of the accident being at least two miles from the station. Hocking, the rear guard, who sustained no injury, ran down the line to Bodmin-road, arriving there about ten minutes after the cyclist.

A YACHT CAPSIZED.

TWO PEOPLE DROWNED.

A yacht capsized on the Yare, near Lowestoft, on Saturday, and two lives were lost. One of the persons drowned was a member of the Stock Exchange named Tredwin, who was the owner of the yacht.

BOATING DISASTER ON THE THAMES.

TWO LIVES LOST.

Five young men, members of the Clare Market Rowing Club, were practising on the Thames, on Sunday, in a hired boat, when the wash of a passing steam-tug drove their craft against a buttress of Lambeth Bridge, and capsized it. Despite prompt assistance rendered by watermen, two out of the five were drowned.

TIRED OF THE FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY.

SAD CASE AT KIDDERMINSTER.

A coroner's enquiry was held on Saturday, at Kidderminster, touching the death of William Sidney Moore, an out-of-work weaver, in his 71st year, who, tired of the fight against poverty, had poisoned himself with carbolic acid. In a letter to the coroner he declared, "I am as sane as any man on the jury, and end my life deliberately, for I find I can no longer live as—A Pauper." Evidence of destitution and mental depression having been given, the jury returned a verdict of suicide whilst temporarily insane.

SCHOOL BOARD PRIZES.

INTERESTING POINT.

At the Chard School Board meeting the Clerk reported that he had been surcharged a sum of £78 15s. 6d., which was expended by the Board last year in what is known as the ticket system of awards, tickets bearing a money value being given to the children for regular attendance at school. The auditor makes the disallowance on the following grounds:—"Because the said prizes were in the nature of bribes to encourage the children of the district to attend school; because it was the duty of the Board to require the children to attend school; because, had the law been properly enforced, it is probable like results might have been obtained without the expenditure of the sum in question; because it seemed to the auditor to be against the true principles of public policy to teach the young that they may be bribed from the public funds to comply with the requirements of the law." It was decided to appeal against the surcharge, and refer the Local Government Board to Article 90 of the new Code, which is interpreted as recommending the making of money awards.

THE ARMENIAN ATROCITIES.

SPEECH BY LORD KIMBERLEY.

Lord Kimberley, Foreign Secretary, speaking on Saturday night at North Walsham, Norfolk, said personally he had the strongest sympathy with the Armenians who had suffered at the hands of the Turks, and that sympathy was shared by all his colleagues. He asked the people to trust the Government to treat the subject with all earnestness, and with a strong and fixed desire to be able to apply some remedy to the grievances under which the Armenians suffered. He ridiculed the idea that this was a moribund Government, and said the majority on the Welsh Disestablishment Bill was not a striking indication of a decline of power and influence. He twitted the Unionists with with being not in complete accord. The Government adhered to the Home Rule policy.

The Armenian refugees and their friends, who are on a visit to Mr. Gladstone, attended service at Hawarden Parish Church on Sunday, and at the close partook of Holy Communion. The Rev. Stephen Gladstone preached, alluding specially to the Armenian horrors.

THE DANGERS OF TELEPHONE POLE CLIMBING.

An inquest was held on Saturday at Coventry on the body of William Parr, 25 years of age. The deceased was a wireman in the service of the National Telephone Company, and his work included that of climbing the poles in irons strapped to the legs and boots. This employment demands much exertion, and in the course of his work deceased contracted an internal disorder that caused his death. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, and the Coroner expressed the hope that the Telephone Company would not forget the wife and family who had been deprived of a bread-winner.

ACCIDENT TO A WEDDING PARTY.

On Sunday an alarming accident happened in Coventry to a Bedworth wedding party. Mr. W. Whitcroft drove the bride and bridegroom and their friends to the outskirts of the city, and on the Stoney Stanton-road the horse ran the conveyance into a lamp, which went down. This incident caused the animal to take fright, and it bolted again, knocking over a second lamp and upsetting the party. One man was seriously injured on the thigh and all the other were much shaken, but the bride and bridegroom appear to have received least inconvenience. They and their friends were able to proceed by another carriage to St. Michael's Church, and the marriage took place.

The powerful Maceo band in Cuba have been defeated by the Spanish troops, and two of their generals killed.

According to a Sydney telegram, seven persons, including a woman and her five children, have been burned to death in a fire at Parkes, a township on the Billabong Creek, in Ashburnam county.

During a bull-fight in Barcelona one of the animals jumped over the barriers amongst the spectators, causing a panic. A shot fired at the bull passed through its body and killed one of the spectators.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The match, Gloucestershire and South Wales v. Yorkshire, will not be played after all this season, lack of interest being the cause of the abandonment of the fixture.

The Cheltenham XV. may congratulate themselves on having accomplished one of the ambitions of their life in defeating the Gloucester Second. They will hardly now rest satisfied until they have achieved the same thing over the First XV. The commencement of the match, played at Cheltenham on Saturday, certainly did not look rosy for the home team, who had once and again to touch down to save, and nearly all through the first half had to act on the defensive. Oswell was the first to score for Gloucester in the corner, and within a minute or two the visitors again rushed the ball over, and J. Gough fell on it, but the place-kicks failed in each instance. A little while after changing ends Eagles picked up the ball, and scored after a splendid run over the visitors' 25. This, in fact, was the best try of the afternoon. R. W. Pearson, the home captain, was credited with the next try, and up to this time the visitors had remained in their own half. As the scores were equal the excitement grew intense, and when Davis got over in a corner for Cheltenham, there were loud outbursts of applause from the supporters of the Cheltenham Club. Gloucester likewise had to concede several minors, and the result was that Cheltenham came out with 3 tries and 4 minors to 2 tries and 3 minors for Gloucester.

The Rockliffe team, who entertained the Uksiders so hospitably on the occasion of the latter's tour north, are having a high old time as the guests of the Newport club. They would hardly have drawn with Cardiff had not the latter been without their smart half-backs. A weak Newport team did well to beat Salford, who are performing at Kingsholm this afternoon, and the victory of Wigan over the Devonport Albion bodes ill for Gloucester to-morrow, when the Lancashire combination visit the Cathedral city. Swansea played below their best form; otherwise those who saw the All Whites at Kingsholm last Saturday week will be unable to account for the poor show they made against Swinton, whose record this season is not of the best. Penarth were only able to beat Dewsbury by a try on Good Friday, but when the Yorkshiremen arrived at Llanelly on Saturday they found the somewhat erratic homesters in their best vein, and showing some brilliant football the Tinplaters won by no less than 40 points to nil.

The Welsh clubs who were away from home had a good time. Aberavon beat Barnstaple by three tries to one; Penygraig defeated Bridgwater Albion by two tries to nil; and Cardiff Reserves beat Taunton by 20 points to five.

The London Saracens must be a very second-rate lot, and nothing like so fierce as their name suggests, since Bristol proved 21 points superior to them. Amongst other matches, Leicester beat Northampton by 21 points to seven, and Hartlepool Rovers and Huddersfield played a draw of eight points each.

Morley and Brighouse Rangers are left in the final for the Yorkshire Cup, and the former, who occupy first position in the second competition, have been playing so well that they are bound to make their better-known rivals for possession of "the old tin pot" go all the way. Indeed, we shall not be surprised if Morley prove successful in the final struggle for the trophy.

Gloucester Reserves met Chalford on Saturday in the Mid-Gloucester League, and suffered defeat by 2 goals to nil. Gloucester won the toss, and Chalford kicked off against the wind. The Reserves pressed considerably during the first half, but could not score, the home defence being very good. From some clever work by the Chalford forwards T. Workman scored the first goal. On starting the second half Chalford pressed their opponents very hard, and F. Workman shot a splendid goal, but it was disallowed. Soon after Pearce put in a good shot, which the goal-keeper had no chance to stop. Nothing further being done, a good game ended in a win for Chalford as above.

The Post Office Football Club has concluded a very successful season under the able captaincy of W. H. Taylor. Of the 19 Association matches arranged, 12 were played, 8 won, 2 lost, and 2 drawn. The other matches were abandoned on account of the frost, &c. The club were defeated twice by Ross, no local combination defeating them. Several of the members have found places in the Gloucester Reserves team, and with careful training should develop into first-class players. Only three Rugby matches have been played, the result being, won 1, lost 1, drawn 1.

So far as the Gloucester Reserves and Wotton-under-Edge are concerned, the Mid-Gloucestershire League competition ended with Saturday's matches. They are easily at the head of the other clubs, but the rivalry for first place has been keen, the Reserves securing the position by one point only. Of the matches played by them, nine were won, one drawn, and two lost, giving 19 points. Wotton won eight, drew two, and lost two—18 points. The Reserves' team which went down before Chalford on Saturday was exceptionally weak.

St. George victimised Mangotsfield, and are going so strongly as to make it evident that Gloucester will have to play for all they are worth to-day to have a look in for the Gloucestershire Cup. Eastville Rovers effected another surprise by playing Warmley to a draw. Hereford Thistle, who at present head the League table, added two more points to their total at the expense of Bedminster. J. Sharp scored three goals for the winners, and is obviously a most useful man, as he seldom fails to place points to the team's credit. Clevedon and Swindon Wanderers met on the Croft at Swindon. The Wanderers had a very indifferent XI., the forward division being the weak part. Clevedon turned out with only ten men, and had to act upon the defensive for the most part of the first half. Horsey, who played a good game in goal for Clevedon, was twice beaten before the interval. George Jones, the Bristol South End back, then joined Clevedon, and play was much more even. Towards the close Weaver and Ashby scored goals in quick succession for Clevedon, who made a very creditable draw of two goals all.

The following are the results to date in the Bristol and District League championship:—

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Pts.
Hereford Thistle	20	16	1	3	35
St. George	19	16	1	2	34
*Staple Hill	21	10	7	4	24
Eastville Rovers	20	9	7	4	22
Trowbridge Town	19	9	7	3	21
Gloucester	20	9	8	3	21
Warmley	16	9	5	2	20
*Clifton	17	7	8	2	16
Bedminster	18	7	11	0	14
Mangotsfield	21	4	15	2	10
Swindon Wanderers	19	4	13	2	10
Clevedon	20	1	18	1	3

*The match between these teams, won by Clifton, 1—0, is not included in above table.

The return match between Swindon Town and Chatham, in the Southern League, took place on the latter's ground. Swindon had a very weak team, the absentees including Jones, Reynolds, Shaw, and Hobson, and a batch of juniors went to Chatham in consequence. Chatham led by 3 goals to nil at half-time, and eventually won by 4 goals to 2.

The Amateur Cup Competition was advanced a stage on Saturday, Old Carthusians and South Bank drawing with one goal each, and Middlesbrough knocking out the Lancaster Regiment by 4 goals to nil.

Aston Villa, playing at home, sustained defeat from the Glasgow Rangers by 3 goals to 2; and Liverpool and the Corinthians played a draw on the former's ground of 2 goals each.

The Association League matches of Saturday furnished some surprising conclusions. The defeat of Everton by Derby County, who though so near the bottom of the table are sufficiently good to furnish a couple of international players, makes assurance doubly sure for Sunderland as League champions. One never knows what the Bolton Wanderers are going to do, but it should be pointed out that the heavy defeat they inflicted on West Bromwich Albion—who have performed very indifferently since qualifying for the final of the English cup—was largely due to the fact that the Throstles' able custodian was ordered off the field for kicking an opponent. The defeat of the Blackburn Rovers by Stoke to the tune of 5 goals to 1 is unaccountable, and the downfall of the two Sheffield teams was unexpected. Burnley did well against Sunderland, seeing that the latter could not score after the losers had had two men injured.

The following are the results to date in the First Division of the Association League:—

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Pts.
Sunderland	29	20	4	5	45
Everton	28	18	5	5	41
Aston Villa	28	17	8	3	37
Preston North End	29	14	10	5	33
Blackburn Rovers	30	11	9	10	32
Notts Forest	29	13	11	5	31
Sheffield United	29	13	12	4	30
Sheffield Wednesday	29	12	12	5	29
Burnley	29	11	14	4	26
Bolton Wanderers	29	9	13	7	25
Small Heath	30	9	14	7	25
Wolverhampton Wanderers	29	9	14	6	24
Derby County	30	7	14	9	23
Liverpool	29	7	14	8	22
Stoke	29	7	15	7	21
West Bromwich Albion	28	8	16	4	20

Saturday's match between the English and Scotch Leagues was the last of the fixtures of an international character. Scotland's position in Association football is a somewhat anomalous one since the best of Scotch professionals are found playing for English clubs, and do not assist their country in international games. Why, it is difficult to understand. Wales depends upon her expatriated players for a team, and has the satisfaction this season of having drawn with each of the other countries. Scotland has won only one match, and it would be a much more satisfactory test of the respective merits of Scotch and English football if the imported players from the Land o' Cakes were seen upon their native heath in international trials of strength. Scotchmen resident in England do duty for the place of their origin under Rugby rules; why not under the Association code?

As far as the Rugby matches are concerned it is interesting to note how little really separates the four countries. Although Scotland won all three of her engagements, she only had a margin in the aggregate of seven points, scoring in the three matches 17 points to seven. England scored 23 points to 15, and the other countries had debit balances—Wales scoring 15 points to 22 (14 of which were obtained by England), and Ireland six points to 17 against. Taken altogether the four countries scored 61 points, and, singularly enough, had the same number scored against them.

EASTER SUNDAY.

A large congregation was present at the Cathedral on Sunday morning; it was not so large in the afternoon, but at the Nave service in the evening there was a congregation as large as those we are accustomed to see at the recitals. The morning service was Stanford in B flat, and "Since by man came death" (Handel), was sung by the choir as the anthem. The sermon was preached by the Bishop, who took for his text "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most pitiable" I. Cor. xv., 19. The preacher said the sermon was one of a series which by the mercy of God he had been permitted to preach there on Easterday. Last year he said he endeavoured to sum up the three great reasons for their unqualified belief in the truth of our Lord's resurrection, and so by sequence of the certainty of our own. Now he paused to take up the homely yet trustworthy argument derived from the plain circumstances of the case as suggested and implied in the text. Dr. Ellicott proceeded to point out the necessity for the Christian's belief in the resurrection of Christ, and the especial need of the insistence of the fact in the present age. The whole tendency of popular theology was to place in the back ground the miraculous incidents in the life of Christ, and to deal almost exclusively with his teaching. To accept the one and to doubt the other—the miraculous—was to destroy the efficiency of the Gospel and the Christian faith. If the Divine truth could not be accepted that Christ had risen from the dead, then it followed that the hope of our own redemption could not be believed in, and we were of all men the most pitiable. The Venerable Archdeacon Sheringham preached at the afternoon service, when High Litany was sung, and when the selections from "The Messiah" which were given in the morning were repeated, with the addition of the tenor solo, "But Thou didst not leave," sung by Mr. Morgan. At the Nave service two chorister boys sang "I know that my Redeemer liveth," as a solo, and this was followed by a very good rendering of the immortal "Hallelujah Chorus."—A full report of the Bishop's sermon will appear in the "Gloucester Journal" on Saturday.

At St. John's Church the services throughout were fully choral, but the congregations were not quite up to the average at the Easter festival. The service in the evening was sung to a setting by the organist (Mr. H. F. Minchin), and was well rendered by the choir. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion.

At All Saints' Church the services were fully choral throughout. The morning service (with choral communion) was Tours in F, and the Te Deum was Stanford's in B flat. At the evening service Turle in D was used, and the anthem was Sullivan's "I will mention," the solo being sung by Mr. H. Huggins. The quartettes in the services were taken by Masters Gurney and Bubb, and Messrs. E. Pickford, A. Goode, Renshaw, Bridges, and O. Carter.

The services at St. Mary's Parish Church, Ross, were bright and cheerful, and there were good congregations. Special psalms and hymns were sung. The church was beautifully decorated by ladies of the congregation. The anthem in the morning was "O give thanks" (Goss), and in the evening "He is risen" (Gadsby), both of which were well rendered by the choir. In the afternoon a children's service was held and was well attended. There was also a good congregation at the Mission Room in the evening. This place of worship was also very prettily decorated.

"THE CHIEFTAIN" AT THE GLOUCESTER THEATRE.

The Gloucester play-going public have not had over long to wait before seeing "The Chieftain," which, curiously enough, contains at once the earliest and the latest work of two men eminent in their departments—Mr. Burnand and Sir Arthur Sullivan. For libretto Mr. Burnand has altered and added to "The Contrabandista," and Sir Arthur has done the same for the music. "The Chieftain," the result of this renovating process, which is to be produced at the Gloucester Theatre to-night, was first given at the Savoy last December, and has met with considerable success. There is a tendency to compare this production with those unique results of a happy collaboration which ought never to have been allowed to cease. But comparisons are odious, and "The Chieftain" will be found to have plenty of merits of its own to make it popular with a Gloucester audience, which dearly likes a comic opera. In view of the pressure on our space that will be necessitated by the many holiday engagements on Easter Monday, we have taken this opportunity to say a few words in advance of the production of "The Chieftain" at the Gloucester Theatre to-night. The plot turns upon the adventures of Mr. Peter Grigg, an amateur photographer, who, touring in Spain, falls into the hands of brigands at a critical moment. The ladrones have lost their chieftain—and their cash—and the day has arrived when, according to their law, the office must be submitted to the first man they capture. He has the choice of being chief or being shot, and but little time in which to arrive at a decision; and arguments in the shape of revolvers are not wanting to hasten that decision. Mr. Grigg accepts, only to find an awkward condition attached—that is, he must espouse the forsaken chieftainess, Señora Inez. Now, Mr. Grigg has a lawful wife in his home at Twickenham, but the revolvers again force him to compliance. Meanwhile, the Count Vasquez de Gonzago, whose *fiancée*, Rita, an English lady, has been taken prisoner by the brigands, is busy in the means of effecting her rescue, and brings his troops on at the close of the first act, the scene of which is a mountain pass between Compostello and Seville. The curtain now falls upon a pretty complicated state of things. The scene of the second act is the exterior of a posada or inn. Rita is now the wife of the count, and Grigg is his guest. Mrs. Grigg, with the aid of a Polish courier, has found her truant husband, and for the moment everything is gay. But Inez and the leaders of her band appear upon the scene, and the consequences are rather threatening for Mr. Grigg, when happily in the person of the courier is discovered the absconding chieftain, who is promptly taken possession of by Inez, and the trials of the hapless man with the camera come to an end. Of Sir Arthur Sullivan's share in "The Chieftain," it may be interesting to recall the verdict passed upon the music in "The Theatre" for January, 1895. The writer said: "To Sir Arthur Sullivan's share in the production the highest praise is due. Seldom has the most popular of English composers been more happily inspired, or proved more worthily his title to the unique position he occupies in the affections of the public. From the first bar to the last his score is distinguished by a pervading sense of melody, of overflowing humour, and of tuneful prodigality, captivating in the last degree." And "The Theatre" is a very good authority.

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of this Council was held at Hereford on Saturday, under the presidency of Colonel Prescott Decie.—The Roads and Bridges Committee reported with reference to the proposed footbridge over the Wye at Sellack, that they had directed enquiries to be made of the promoters as to who was to maintain the bridge when constructed. With regard to the proposed bridge across the Wye at Bridge Sollars, the County Surveyor reported that an amended set of drawings had been presented, and that he had approved the same so far as the masonry, &c., was concerned. The report was adopted.—A long discussion took place on the question of the fees payable by magistrates on qualification. Mr. Abercrombie thought it bad to create an invidious distinction between one class of magistrates and another. There was a Bill before Parliament giving to the chairmen of District Councils the power of recommending gentlemen as magistrates, and he thought that the fee of five guineas would prevent some of the working classes from sitting on the Bench. Sir Richard Harington said with regard to the distinction between *ex-officio* and qualified magistrates, the distinction was not theirs, but the Home Secretary's.—Mr. Rankin, M.P., moved the adoption of the report of the Technical Instruction Committee. The total expenditure last year was £2,432 19s. 5d. The committee had appointed a sub-committee to carry on an enquiry as to establishing a technical school, and a sub-committee to supervise the instruction in agriculture. The Organising Secretary stated, with reference to the science school for the city of Hereford, that an arrangement could probably be made with the Hereford Free Library Committee, whereby their present buildings could be extended by the suitable rooms. Mr. J. H. Arkwright, Mr. J. F. Symonds, and Mr. M. K. M. Power were appointed conservators for the Wye and Severn Salmon Fishery district.—Mr. W. H. Barneby proposed the following motion:—"That it is desirable that the control of casual paupers, as per Casual Poor Act, 1882, should be put in force in all workhouses throughout England and Wales; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Local Government Board." Alderman Duckham seconded, and, with the addition "with the request that their inspectors be directed to see that the provisions of that Act are brought into operation," it was unanimously carried.

WINCHCOMB.

THE GUARDIANS AND OUT-RELIEF.—At a meeting on Saturday, the Rev. F. Bullock-Webster proposed that in future all permanent relief to persons of 60 years of age and upwards shall be given wholly in money, instead of in money and bread, as at present, and that for this purpose the loaf of bread shall be reckoned as at 6d. After considerable discussion the motion was defeated by a majority of 17 to 6. Several Guardians did not vote.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

The nightingale was seen and heard at the Tewkesbury Cemetery on Saturday.

The martins have arrived at Witcomb Waterworks, but not without their swallows, says a correspondent.

ACCIDENT.—On Saturday evening a man named William Cooke was admitted to the Infirmary suffering from a broken leg, the result of a fall.

CRICKET.—The following officers have been elected for the ensuing season by the Oakleigh Cricket Club:—Captain, B. Baldwin; sub-captain, R. Errill; treasurer, W. Thomas; secretary, W. Beard, 37, Longsmith-street; committee, B. Baldwin, R. Errill, and E. A. Brookes.

ALINGTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB.—On Saturday Mr. Gwilliam, gardener to the Lord Bishop, gave a most useful and interesting lecture, or rather two short lectures, on gardening. Mr. Gwilliam first spoke on the subject of orchids, which he said might be successfully grown by anyone who had a greenhouse, especially if it were possible to divide it into three compartments at temperatures ranging from 50° to 90° Fahr. The lecturer illustrated his remarks by photographs of various orchids, shewn with a lantern. The second lecture was, perhaps, of more practical interest to the majority of the audience, and dealt with the potato disease and its cause. By means of photographs the lecturer clearly shewed the way in which the fungus germinates and spreads through the tuber. Dr. Hodges moved, and the Rev. W. C. Macklin seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Gwilliam for his able and interesting lecture.

1ST GLOUCESTER VOLUNTEER REGIMENT.—A shooting match took place on Over Range this morning between teams from A and B Companies, Gloucester. A fish-tail wind, which was very gusty at times, made shooting quite difficult, especially at 500 and 600 yards. The following are the scores:—

A COMPANY.

	200	500	600	Total
Staff-Sergt. W. H. Worth	31	29	29	89
Sergt. S. Cresswell	27	22	28	77
Capt. E. E. Ricketts	27	27	22	76
2nd-Corpl. W. Edwards	30	25	21	76
Lance-Corpl. A. E. May	25	26	24	75
Corpl. D. Stephens	34	18	20	72
Sapper G. Baldwin	21	21	26	68
Lance-Corpl. A. Parkin	23	22	21	66
Com.-Sergt.-Major C. Stephens	29	23	14	66
Lance-Corpl. J. Romans	31	24	9	64
				729

B COMPANY.

	200	500	600	Total
Sergt. J. R. Toms, R.E.	32	28	25	85
Band. F. Jackson	31	26	19	76
Lance-Corporal A. Albutt	26	25	20	71
Sapper S. Woolford	25	27	18	70
Sapper A. Winds	28	28	13	69
Com.-Sergt.-Major J. Hayes	30	21	17	68
Sergt. C. Lodge	29	23	16	68
Lance-Corporal W. Webb	27	23	15	65
Band. J. Dyer	22	22	0	44
Average—one man short	—	—	69	69
				685

ROYAL ACADEMY PICTURES, 1895.—Davies and Son, Booksellers, Gloucester, are now taking orders for first impressions of Cassell's Royal Academy Pictures, complete in 5 Parts, 1s. each; many pictures will appear in no other publication.—(Advt.)

CYCLE BOOMING.—The Premier Cycle Company do not subsidize racing men to "boom" their machines. Premier Cycles sell on their merits alone, and appeal to all sorts and conditions of riders. Premier 1894 output, 20,000 machines.—Pomeroy, Sole Agent, Gloucester.—(Advt.)

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CRICKET!—Secretaries of Clubs should send for New Illustrated List (gratis), or call and inspect our large selection of requisites for the coming season; 600 Bats in stock, all thoroughly warranted, from 10s. 6d. During April, Railway Fares will be allowed Clubs' Buyers, within a radius of 20 miles, when purchasing season's goods of £2 upwards, thus affording an excellent opportunity of suiting players' requirements, without additional cost.—GREEN AND SON, Sports Makers, Gloucester.—(Advt.)

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A CRICKET GROUND WANTED.

(To the Editor of the CITIZEN.)

Dear Sir,—We are surprised to see that no one has replied to Mr. Foster's letter of the 2nd inst., about the want of a cricket ground. We, as cricketers, are in great want of a ground, which we cannot get without paying a high rent, and at some distance from the city. We think, as Mr. Foster says, that a public cricket ground would be a grand thing for the city. We hope some influential person will take this matter up, and see what can be done. Thanking you for your valuable space,

We remain,
LOVERS OF THE GAME

CHEPSTOW.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker, master and matron of Church Stretton Workhouse, were on Saturday appointed to similar positions at the Chepstow Workhouse. There were 59 applications.

LOCAL SHARE LIST.

[CORRECTED TO THIS DATE.]

	Share.	Paid.	Latest Quotations.	Div'd for last half-year.
Capital & Counties Bank	£50	£10 0	33½ to 34½	16s.
County of Glo'ster Bank	100	25 0	65 to 68	(30s. & 2s. 6d. bonus)
National Provincial Bank	75	10 10	42 to 43	16s. 9 3-5d.
Ditto	60	12 0	48½ to 49½	19s. 2 2-5d.
Lloyds Bank	50	8	24¼ to 25	12s.
Wilts and Dorset Bank	50	10	43 to 44	20p.c. p.a.
Midland Railway Ordinary Stock	100	all	152¼ to 152¾	5½p.c. p.a.
G.W. Railway Ordinary Stock	100	all	155¾ to 156¾	6p.c. p.a.
Sharpness Ordinary Stock	100	all	15 to 17	1½ for y'r
Sharpness 4 per cent. Debentures	100	all	111 to 114	4p.c. p.a.
Ditto "A"	100	all	112 to 115	5p.c. p.a.
Ditto "B"	100	all	95 to 97	5½p.c. p.a.
Ditto "C"	100	all	63 to 72	5 for year
Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Co. "A"	7	all	6¾ to 7¼	3s. 6d
Ditto "B"	7	3 10	2¾ to 3¼	1s. 9d.
Stroud Brewery Ordinary	10	all	11¾ to 12¼	7p.c. p.a.
Cheltenham Brewery Ordinary	5	all	6½ to 7	8p.c. p.a.
Arnold, Perrett, and Co.'s Ordinary	10	all	8½ to 8¾	Nil.
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James Harper and Sons Limited Pref.	10	10	10 to 10½	6p.c. p.a.
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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

DEATHS.

ARTUS—April 8, 1895, at 9, Prince-street, Gloucester, Sarah Ann, the loving wife of A. P. Artus. R.I.P.

IN MEMORIAM—In dear and loving memory of James Luker, of Barnwood, who was taken to rest April 14th, 1892. "After life's fitful fever he rests in peace."

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