

# TELEGRAMS.

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##### Spanish Horrors in Cuba—An Interrogation in the Cortes—An Iberian Union.

MADRID, May 23.—The proceedings in the Constituent Cortes on Saturday were quite interesting. One of the Deputies questioned the Minister as to the truth of the rumored concert of action on the part of Great Britain and the United States to effect a mitigation of the so-called Spanish horrors in Cuba. Señor MORET, the Minister for the Colonies, replied. He said while such rumors had been extensively published, the Government was without official information on the subject. While the matter was before the Deputies he desired to remind them that DE RODAS, the Captain-General of Cuba, had repeatedly invited American Commissioners to visit Cuba, examine into these alleged cruelties, and see for themselves how utterly false these stories were.

PARIS, May 23.—Letters from Madrid confirm the previous reports that Gen. PRIM has a direct understanding with Gen. SALDANHA whereby an Iberian Union is to be established.

##### British Parliament—The Greek Massacre—Abolition of University Tests.

LONDON, May 23.—In the House of Lords, today, the Earl of CLARENDON made a prolonged explanation of the massacre, by the brigands of Marathon, and of the subsequent negotiations with the Greek Government. No other matters of importance came before the House, which adjourned at an early hour....In the House of Commons the Solicitor-General moved the second reading of the bill for the Abolition of University Tests. An interesting debate ensued, Messrs. WALPOLE and MOWBRAY, members respectively for Cambridge and Oxford Universities, opposed, and Mr. SARTORIS spoke for the bill. Mr. GLADSTONE took occasion to defend the course of the Government in this matter. He said the bill now before the House was the logical result of previous legislation on similar subjects. He rejoiced at the promised acquiescence of the Universities in the abolition of odious restrictions. He quoted and indorsed the utterances of Sir ROBERT PEEL on the policy of protecting ecclesiastical and spiritual foundations, and declared that while he was for giving the broadest scope to these benefits forever, he should urge the extinction of any religious test connected with them. After remarks from Messrs. HARDY, HOPE and NEWDEGATE, the House divided, and the motion that the bill be read for the second time, was carried by 125 majority.

The House resumed consideration of the Irish Land bill in Committee. An amendment requiring that the sanction of a Court be given to notices to quit was strenuously debated, and on division of the House was rejected. Mr. FORTESCUE, at the instance of Mr. PYM, agreed to take into consideration a proposal for the abolition of distress for rent. The bill was then passed through the Committee, and ordered to be reported to the House on Thursday. The House adjourned.

##### An Austrian Election Ordered—Accident to a French Official—Trial of the Conspirators—Press Prosecutions.

VIENNA, May 23.—Imperial decrees have just been issued for the dissolution of the National Reichsrath, and also of the Diets in the various provinces of the Empire. New elections for these bodies have also been ordered. Should the Diets decline to choose Deputies to the Reichsrath, the Government engages to order a direct appeal to the inhabitants of the provinces for that purpose.

PARIS, May 23.—Yesterday the Postmaster-General of France was dangerously injured by a runaway horse....It is reported that the High Court will meet on the 15th of June, to try those arrested for complicity in the regicide plot. It is not yet known whether the Court will convene at Tours or at Blois....The editor of a journal called *Le Rappel*, published at Grasse, in the Department of Var, has been arrested for violation of the Press laws.

FLORENCE, May 23.—SIGNOR L. PASINI, Vice-President of the Senate, died last night.

##### The Evangelical Council in New-York—Death of Mark Lemon—Japanese Isolation Vanishing—Marine Trials and Disasters.

LONDON, May 23.—A large meeting was held today at the Mansion House to take action on the question of sending a deputation to the World's Evangelical Council, to be held in New-York. The chair was occupied by the Lord Mayor of London. The Earls of CHICHESTER and SHAFTESBURY, the Bishop of Ripon, the Dean of Ripon, Mr. KENNAWAY, M. P., Lord ALFRED CHURCHILL and Rev. THOS. BINNEY and other distinguished persons, occupied positions on the platform. Resolves approving of the meeting of the Council and accepting the invitation to attend it, were unanimously adopted, and measures were taken to provide for a delegation from Great Britain.

....MARK LEMON, the editor of *Punch*, died today, in his sixty-first year. Mr. LEMON was one of the founders of *Punch*, in 1841....Sir JOHN SIMEON, member of Parliament for the Isle of Wight, died today, aged fifty-five years. He was a Roman Catholic in religion and a Liberal in politics, and first sat for the Isle of Wight in 1847.

....The armor-plated steamer *Audacious*, just completed for the British navy, had a trial-trip today. She is of the type of REED'S second-class iron-clads. Her performance was in every way satisfactory, and she attained a speed of thirteen and one half knots per hour....The political news today is meager. The *Times*, this morning, rejoices in the disappearance of Japanese social and commercial isolation....Late dispatches from Bombay state that nearly half the cotton now shipped from Indian ports goes by way of the Suez Canal. Only a small portion of this, however, reached England. The bulk of the cotton so shipped goes to the various ports on the Mediterranean.

LIVERPOOL, May 23.—The steam-ship *City of Brussels*, which arrived out this morning, was detained seven hours off Queenstown by dense fog....The top and top-gallant mast, with rigging attached, of an unknown vessel, have been picked up off Milford....The new Cunard vessel *Abyssinia* on her trial trip made fifteen knots per hour.

MANCHESTER, May 23.—The Manchester Cotton Supply Association, at a recent meeting, congratulated the Brazilian Minister on the production of Santos cotton.