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THE TIMES
Port Limon, Costa Rica—(C. A.)

The Festival of Empire.

How History of this Mighty and Far-fung Empire will be Told.

THE NOBLEST DISPLAY EVER ATTEMPTED.

It should be clearly understood by the British public that the Crystal Palace we have known so long is vanishing. Not that the great glasshouse, the masterpiece of Sir Joseph Paxton, is being pulled down. That would be merely vandalism, and the foolish waste of hundreds of thousands of pounds. No, the unique structure will remain to gleam in the sun on Sydenham slopes like a gigantic diamond.

What is happening is that, in preparation for the Festival of Empire, the Imperial All-British Exhibition, and the Pageant of London, the interior and exterior of the Palace and the 250 acres of grounds, are being revolutionized, transformed from their early Victorian appearance into the most wonderful series of varied attractions ever offered to the public. Over 2,000,000 and 6,000 workmen are effecting changes for the better.

What was a neglected terrace becomes the foundation for a pair of vast stairways leading to the Palace floor; a grass-grown walk becomes the prepared site for a quarter of a mile of transporters, all gliding pathway which will carry us without effort from the lower grounds to the Palace; an aged flight of massive stone steps is ripped up for the line of the "All Red Route"—the mile and a half of electric railway which will enable us to review the Empire in being; a long disused fountain is transformed into a sunken bandstand; weather-beaten statues, weighing tons, are almost whisked away for modern attractions, bridges are raised and tinned sunk; palaces and pavilions, already constructed in sections, seem to rise in the night; superb scenic tableau spring together to tell, as never before has been told the history of this mighty far-fung Empire.

So one might go on enumerating the fresh joys being prepared for the millions at the Crystal Palace of 1911. Perhaps we may quote one more instance of the unbounded enterprise of the Council.

Of The Festival of Empire

at the head of which is the Earl of Plymouth. It was thought that the 800 yards of the ground's front and the southern wing of the Palace itself would look dowdy in comparison with the Empire City now rising below the terraces. So 300 men have just been set to work to paint as hard as they can for a solid ten weeks. This is the biggest contract of its kind entered into in recent years, and the joy of local residents is unbounded to think that their beloved glasshouse is at length to receive a fresh, bright, pretty summer dress.

In and around the Palaces of the Overseas Dominions many thousands of electric lights will be used at night, while on the long, broad terraces miles of gilded gas piping are to be employed, and the lights, masked in globes of many hues, give the prettiest of effects, as was proved a few evenings ago.

Mention may be made of a few of the attractions decided upon this week. Over £1,000 is being expended upon a picture palace in which only cinematograph views of the Empire will be shown. gardens of surpassing beauty are now being laid out; an ancient Roman Temple at Bath is to be reconstructed in stone at a cost of £700; a working model will show how H. M. S. Thunderser was constructed; the building of that floating palace, the Olympic, will be illustrated; nearly two million pound's worth of diamonds will be shown in the All-British Exhibition; £30,000 is devoted to the spectacular tour of our five-Continent Empire; and Canada is putting up a \$7,000,000 reproduction of the Parliament Houses, Ottawa.

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Negotiating For Station

Japan Trying to Get Concession From Mexican Government

Monroe Doctrine Likely to Become Manacled

Washington.—It has been learned here that Mr. Stoddard, Vice Consul at Moonmuello, Mexico, reported on March 6th that the Japanese Trans-Pacific line was in negotiation for a coal line station at Campos near Manzanillo. As the whole Japanese commercial fleet makes up a reserve force for the Japanese navy, diplomatic circles naturally would question the advisability of having such a privilege given. The Monroe doctrine would immediately become manacled.

Naval Uniform Barred

Acting Secretary Winthrop Sends a Complaint to Portsmouth

Washington.—The Navy Department received a complaint from the commander of the coast cutter, Marietta at Portsmouth, N. H., that on March 4 two of the Marietta's men entered Freeman's Hall, and after seeing a moving picture show passed into the dance hall and sat down to watch the dancing. They were expelled by the attendants on the ground that they were the uniform of the navy, which was forbidden by the rules of the place.

The captain declares that the two men never use liquor and were quiet and respectable. The proprietor of the place said he was obliged to exclude uniformed sailors in order to meet the competition of other dancehalls in Portsmouth.

Acting Secretary Winthrop acted promptly on the complaint by transmitting it to the Mayor of Portsmouth, with a polite intimation that the Navy Department expected better treatment for the bluejackets, if this is not accorded. It is understood that few ships will be ordered to Portsmouth in the future.

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Banana Plants

The "Clarion" (of British Honduras) says:

A Proclamation, dated the 13th inst., appears in the current "Gazette" absolutely prohibiting the importation into the colony of banana plants, or any description of earth or soil or any article packed therewith, either directly

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Dull on the Paris Bourse

Mexican Shares Regain Losses After Sharp Depression

Paris.—The Bourse is dull, with a firm undertone. Mexican shares, after a sharp depression, have regained the losses, and are now strongly sustained. South American mines have fallen heavily, owing to the extreme unpopularity here of the measures for increasing their capital, which are interpreted as a confession of the very unsatisfactory conditions of the mining industry.

Foreign government bonds display a better tone. Russian industrial continue in high favor.

Baby Surprises Patrolman

Woman Had Placed It in Charge of Small Boy at Grand Central Station

Patrolman McCoy, while standing outside the Lexington avenue entrance of the Grand Central Station was surprised to find a month-old baby in his arms. Looking down, he saw a small bot at his elbow, whose face showed signs of relief. "Take it," said the boy. "I ain't no nurse girl."

At the East 51st street station house the lad said his name was Joseph Sergandis, his home No. 26 Versey street and his age eleven years. About 10 o'clock in the morning, he declared, a woman had given him the child to hold in the Grand Central waiting room while she went to buy a ticket. She didn't come back.

When the ambulance from Bellevue Hospital came to take the little girl away a sudden sense of responsibility filled the boy. "Will they take good care of her!" he asked. He was told they would. "Gee I'm glad of that," he said, as he slammed the door behind him.

To Fight With Dirigibles

"War in the Air" Discussed in the House of Commus

Details of Plans of War Office Authorities

London. War in the air" was discussed in the House of Communs.

Mr. Haldane gave details of the preparations of the British army fight with dirigibles and aeroplanes, and stated that a further sum would be expended by the Technical Research Commission. The War Office has acquired five aeroplanes, three of the latest pattern and five biplanes purchased from Sir George White of Bristol

to be delivered in April. The War Office will make use of other biplanes supplied by the same firm for experimental purposes. An Observation War Balloon Factory has been completely organized, and Lord Kitchener will be placed at the head of a special committee to get Royal Engineers who can direct and conduct aerial warfare.

In the Churches

PROVHERS FOR TODAY

St. Marks

11. a. m.—Mr. Binus.
7. p. m.—" "

Wesley

11. a. m.—Rev. E. A. Pitt.
7. p. m.—" "

Seven Day Adventist

7. p. m.—H. L. Mignott.

International Bible Association Class (Dawnsist)

11. a. m.—Berean Bible Study

7. p. m.—Bible Study.

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The Man

About Town

What the Limon, Folks are Saying

That the desired lull in the obeh trade is not yet effected. That Cecil, the Red Dragon is as happy as a lord around town. That he is still practicing his art and even offers opportunity to persons desirous of instruction. That Big Fish has just received his Diploma as a competent obeh pilot.—Signed.—RSD Daacox.

That his offices or haunt is at John Chinaman cook shop and Bazoni run tavern.

That a new enterprise is started down town and promises to be a big success.

That the business is situated east of the market and is known as Mas Fen's Fowl Depot.

That the agent, Paddy, at San Jose, sent the first consignment to don Pres. on Friday with No 71000 on Government document.

That the people's friend the Jew O.P. Sennan sampled one of the b. 23 or 23.

That Zachus lecture did not come off at the "Caballo Blanco", much to the disappointment of a large number of his admirers.

That the Black colony at Canada is to be congratulated on their new banana expert. Limon's loss is Canada's gain.

That a certain gospel grinder has been asking the price of revolvers, and the congregation are anxious to know if he means to shoot the gospel down their throats or himself.

That the trench in front of St. Mark's is likely to find and occupant unless she gives up the trade of mischief-making.

That the action of Mr. L. H. Mignott (*in re money at Siquirre*) are in line with the common adage 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you.'

That they hope his followers may practice the same in doing to him as he has done, ever in titbiting.

That between the Bishop of Limon and the Bishops of Matina the services in a certain church promises to be an intellectual treat during holy week.

Current News.

We learn that Mr. Harry Richmond de Pass, British Consular Agent in Limon has been appointed **Mandador of Canada**. We wish him success.

We understand that Mr. Eduardo Beeche has from this date taken charge of the Government Liquor store in place of don Roberto Smith, who leaves the country for the benefit of his health.

The S. S. "Parissina" of the United Fruit Co's Line of steamers left here on Friday evening last for New Orleans via Puerto Barrios. She carried passengers and mails. The following is the list for New Orleans.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ballard, W. J. Riggs, Miss Ida Kaison, J. J. Smith, Mrs. Addie Seymour, Mrs. W. H. May, Master Lyle Seymour. For Barrios.—E. B. Caffey, G. C. Roof and 4 deckers.

The two women that had a free fight in the market last Thursday and which was referred to in our issue of the 31st. ult. were before the plice Judge yesterday, charged with disorderly conduct in the market. From evidence adduced it was proved that Lily was the aggressor, that she did with two large green placards hammered the other woman with them. She was fined 12.75. The other woman was discharged.

At 6:25 p.m. on Friday night last while two young men employed at Mendez's Jewel store, named Smith and Skipton were riding their cycle down 7th street a little boy named Emanuel was riding up on his cycle at the same time, and when a couple of yards from the pair, Skipton to avoid a collision open out so as to allow Emanuel to pass between them, but instead he ran across on Smith throwing himself on the ground. Smith received a few bruises while Emanuel got a cut on his head, but not serious. He was taken to his house while Smith was escorted to the quartet. He was taken before the JUDGE yesterday and fine 08.00.

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