

SHARE LIST.

Table with columns: Paid up, Liability per Share, Company, Last Quotation. Lists various companies under categories like BANKS, INSURANCE, FINANCIAL, COAL, GAS, SHIPPING, WOOLLEN, and TIMBER.

MINING.

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Advertisement for GRASSHOPPER OINTMENT, featuring the headline 'HAVE YOU A BAD LEG'.

Detailed advertisement for GRASSHOPPER OINTMENT, describing its benefits for various ailments like ulcers and rheumatism, and providing contact information for the manufacturer.

The Wide World.

CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF.

IMPERIAL.

THE vote on the Budget resolution was taken in the House of Commons on Wednesday, and this showed that the Government has a strong dependable majority of 81. The Redmondites voted with the Government, while the followers of Mr. Wm. O'Brien, who number a dozen, voted with the Opposition.

Germany has offered to sell the new cruiser Blucher to Turkey at a considerably less price than she cost, but the Admiralty prefer ordering the new armoured cruisers of moderate displacement that are required in Britain. As a sequel to the Changsha riots, Britain and Japan have demanded compensation for losses sustained by their respective subjects, the punishment of the responsible officials, the despatchment of the riot leaders, and the opening of a new port to foreign trade.

IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

Following the heavy defeat of the Fusionists at the Federal elections, the Deakin Ministry has resigned. The Governor General sent for Mr. Fisher, who will announce his cabinet on Tuesday. Mr. Hamilton Wickes, British Board of Trade Commissioner, believes that the equal distribution of wealth in Australia is unparalleled in the world.

Mr. J. C. Williamson is arranging for the production of grand opera in Australia on a scale similar to that at Covent Garden. The steamer Avon, which arrived from the Islands last week, brings additional particulars of the damage done by the recent hurricane.

The Fiji Hurricane.

TEN PERSONS KILLED.

The steamer Avon, which arrived from the Islands last week, brings additional particulars of the damage done by the recent hurricane, the most serious feature being the loss of eight lives at Rewa. The Methodists Mission at Rewa sustained damage amounting to about £3000, and much damage was done to the crops. At Savu the damage to bananas is put down at £12,000. At Bau some 300 houses were destroyed, and a woman was killed by a house falling on her.

The Burden of Another Election.

PARTY FUNDS DEPLETED.

WHY THE BANK RATE HAS GONE UP.

£3,000,000 LESS IN HAND.

LONDON, March 19.

"If there is a general election in four weeks' time, and I am perfectly sure there will be—"

This is an extract from Mr. John Redmond's speech at Newcastle last Wednesday night, and the fact that it is divorced from its context makes no difference to its meaning.

During the Budget debate Mr. Lloyd George stated that 22 per cent less whisky had been consumed since the Budget was introduced. After reviewing the revenues he expects to collect, he concluded by predicting a surplus of £2,063,000, which had the Budget been passed last year, would have reached £4,200,000. Lord Rosebery proposes that the Unionists should drop tariff reform and fight the next election on the Lords' issue alone, but this does not find favour with the majority of the Conservatives. It was stated by the "London Observer," but subsequently denied, that Lord Kitchener's return next week is causing apprehension in the military and political circles, because Lord Kitchener did not make it a secret that the Malta command was unnecessary, and was only created to shelve him.

The end of the boom in rubber and oil which has caused so much excitement in London for the past couple of months, is apparently in sight. Over 210 rubber companies have been formed this year, and 27 shares have risen as high as 33%, but a drop in shares was recorded on Thursday.

The American Transport Company's liner Minnehaha was wrecked on the Heilly Isles on Monday, the crew being saved. The B.I. steamer Saturna struck a rock and foundered off the coast of New South Wales on Wednesday, the crew having barely time to take to the boats before she sank.

A warm debate took place in the House of Commons on a motion to cancel Sir Robert Anderson's pension on account of his avowal that he was the author of the articles on "Parnellism and Crime." A scene of wild uproar ensued when the Solicitor-General for Ireland declared that Parnell had been privy to the Phoenix Park murders. Eventually the closure was applied to the debate, and the motion was lost by 232 votes to 111.

FOREIGN.

Another terrible balloon tragedy occurred in Prussia on Sunday, when a balloon with a party of four was struck by lightning, causing the gas bag to explode, the aeronauts being thrown to the ground and instantly killed. A great feat was accomplished on Thursday by M. Sommer, who carried three passengers in his biplane.

Serious riots occurred in Changsha, China, as the outcome of a corner in rice by the town officials, the riots subsequently developing into an anti-foreign outbreak. All foreign buildings, except the British Consulate, were looted and burned, and foreigners had to fly for their lives. A bishop and two priests were drowned by a collision with a Bri-