



METROPOLITAN INTELLIGENCE

IMPROVED DISCIPLINE FOR UNUSUAL DISTURBANCES

From our own Reporter
London, June 25

A written communication attributed to Commissioner Wessex has been circulated among several metropolitan offices, and is understood to concern the recent disorders in which ordinary constables were required to act beside mechanical patrol apparatus under circumstances not wholly contemplated by existing regulations.

The Commissioner, while declining any admission of general insufficiency, observes that certain late occurrences have shown the necessity of more exact instruction where electrical, chemical, or otherwise unusual disturbances are encountered in public streets and institutions.

Officials continue to maintain that the apparatus has rendered useful service when properly directed. Yet the language of the circular has been remarked upon by persons familiar with police administration, since it appears to concede that courage and discipline alone may not always equip a constable for the newer forms of metropolitan disorder.

CITY INTELLIGENCE

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE CORPULANCE

From our City Correspondent

The well-known arcade and retail establishment called the Corpulance has been closed for temporary renovation, according to notices placed yesterday at its principal entrances. The management states that particulars respecting the reopening will be published when available.

The closure has occasioned some inconvenience among fashionable purchasers, the house being much

resorted to for imported articles, jewellery, domestic luxuries, and objects of curious workmanship. Several tradesmen in neighbouring streets professed surprise at the suddenness of the announcement, though no official explanation beyond renovation has been supplied.

It is not uncommon at this season for establishments serving wealthy households to undertake repairs before the autumn trade. Still, the Corpulance occupies so visible a place in the commerce of private luxury that even ordinary carpentry there is apt to attract comment.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

UNEASINESS IN ST. PETERSBURG

From our Foreign Correspondent

Correspondence from the Russian capital continues to describe a state of watchfulness among the authorities following the late tragic events which removed the Emperor Alexander from his throne and life. Arrests are spoken of in guarded terms, and the movements of suspected persons are said to be followed with a minuteness that would be difficult to exaggerate.

Diplomatic circles in London regard the situation with that mixture of sympathy and apprehension which recent continental violence has rendered almost habitual. The possibility that revolutionary doctrines may pass from pamphlet and cellar into more practical mischief is no longer dismissed as the fancy of alarmists.

SCIENTIFIC AND MECHANICAL REVIEW

AN ELECTRICAL ACCIDENT AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

From our Scientific Correspondent
London, June 25

An experiment conducted at University College resulted yesterday in an

escape of electrical energy attended by considerable confusion, though happily without fatal consequence. The disturbance was contained after the intervention of metropolitan officers and members of the University staff whose studies are understood to include the less usual branches of natural philosophy.

Three persons are reported to have suffered severe shocks, but all are said to be recovering. Several mechanical constables employed in securing the approaches were disabled by the discharge, their exterior fittings being much blackened and their internal regulation rendered, in the phrase of one witness, wholly unsociable.

The incident has furnished lively conversation in Bloomsbury, not least among ladies whose arrangements of hair were affected by the commotion at a surprising distance from the apparatus. University authorities request that exaggerated accounts be disregarded until a proper report can be prepared.

COURT AND SOCIETY

A QUIET SUNDAY IN THE SEASON

From our Society Correspondent

The observance of Sunday has brought a brief moderation to the engagements of the season, though the drawing-rooms of Mayfair and Belgravia remain occupied with those smaller consultations by which larger entertainments are contrived. Charitable committees continue their preparations for garden parties and hospital subscriptions during the coming week.

It is understood that Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales continues to lend encouragement to charitable endeavours of a practical character. The Chronicle records such matters with pleasure, since in them fashion is most agreeably reconciled with duty.

COMMERCIAL REPORT

RAILWAY, INSURANCE, AND APPARATUS SHARES

From our City Correspondent

Business in railway securities has been steady rather than animated, the chief attention being directed toward undertakings connected with suburban expansion, improved signalling, and the carriage of goods from the eastern districts.

Insurance offices are said to be examining with increased care those policies which touch experimental apparatus, public exhibitions, and mechanical servants. Manufacturers of precision fittings report satisfactory orders from municipal contractors.

GENERAL NOTICES

RAILWAY NOTICE

Passengers using the late suburban services are advised that alterations occasioned by permanent-way works will continue for several evenings.

LOST PROPERTY

A lady's kid glove, pale grey, containing a folded theatre ticket and a small memorandum, was found near the Strand on Friday evening. Apply by letter to the Chronicle office.

AUCTION

Books, cabinets, plate, and several articles of foreign manufacture from a residence near Bedford Square will be sold on Tuesday next.

HARGREAVES & SONS

Evening dress and travelling coats. Private fittings by appointment.