

The Yellow Oath.

AN IRON-BOUND CHINESE OATH ADMINISTERED IN COURT.

The trial of Wong Ah Foo, charged with murder, for killing Loi Ah Gow in a gambling house on the 5th of last September, was commenced in Judge Wilson's court, New York. There was a large number of Chinese to be examined as witnesses in the case, and as it has often been remarked that the Chinese care but little or not at all for the American form of oath, the District Attorney moved that under the provisions of the Civil Code, which provides that a witness who does not believe in the Christian religion may be sworn in the manner in which he considers most binding on his conscience, the Chinese witnesses be required, in addition to taking the usual form of oath, to take the Wong Chung, or "yellow" oath. The motion was granted, and after the first Chinese witness was called, and the usual oath had been administered, the yellow oath was produced. This is a piece of paper, eleven inches long by eight in width, upon which there are 123 characters. Before this was administered by the interpreter, a literal translation was furnished and read for the information of the court and jury. A free translation of the same is as follows:

This is to call the spirits, both good and evil, to descend and watch over the trial of Wong Ah Foo, who is charged with murdering Loi Ah Gow. If I swear falsely and tell one untruth, or do not make a statement according to the facts of the case, I humbly beg the celestial and terrestrial spirits to redress the wrong done to Loi Ah Gow, and to punish me immediately for having been a false witness, to arrest my soul in its flight, to make me perish by the sword, or cause me to die while on the sea and before I reach one-half the distance to China. This is the true and solemn oath, uttered by my own lips, and signed by me this day of the second month in the eleventh year of Quong Soy, and in proof of the earnest of my assertion, may my soul be destroyed, as I destroy this paper, by fire.

The witness repeated, after the interpreter, every word printed on the paper, and then affixed the date and his signature to it, after which, with a match furnished by the obliging clerk of the court, he lit the yellow oath and watched while it turned to ashes.

In answer to questions by counsel for the defence, the witness said he felt bound to tell the truth under the American oath, and he believed that after taking the Chinese oath, he would be afraid to tell an untruth.

This is the first instance of the yellow oath having been administered in an American court of justice.

Ministerial Crises.

Shortly before the jubilee dinner of the Statistical society a series of ministerial crises had taken place on the continent, that in England coming in at the close. To this Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice, in proposing the health of the foreign visitors on that occasion made witty references. Expressing his pleasure at seeing so many men of European fame, he added that he might mention as evidence of their desire to enter for the pleasure of their guests that the crisis had been entirely arranged for their delectation. (Laughter.) There had been much speculation on the subject, but no one had yet had the courage to state the truth. (Laughter and cheers.) Her Majesty's Government, having learnt from the agents of that office which he either did or did not now represent, that the recent crisis in France was likely to be followed by crises in Italy and Spain, had thought it their duty to arrange one here for the amusement of the guests of the Statistical society, and he should be much disappointed if he did not receive from M. Levasseur soon after his return to Paris, a pamphlet bearing the title of "A critical comparative study of Ministerial crises in England, France, Italy and Spain."

Wreck of the "City of Tokio."

The City of Tokio, which was wrecked towards the close of last month in the Yokohama channel, was the splendid vessel which bore General Grant home from the East after his triumphant voyage around the world. When he heard of the wreck memories were awakened of that happy time when, still in the prime of life one of the great captains of his age, having saved and ruled one of the great powers of civilization, and full of hope that new successes awaited him, he returned, amid the acclamations of admiring millions to his native land. It might almost be regarded as a coincidence that the Tokio should have struck the rocks and foundered so short a time before he whom it has so proudly carried to the shores of America sank exhausted in the deep sleep of death. On her last trip across the ocean, she took ex-Governor Hubbard, of Texas, the newly appointed minister to Japan, to the scene of his diplomatic labors.

Sir Charles Dilke's friends are assiduously and loudly spreading strong denials of the divorce scandal reports, and insist that there is not a word of truth in the rumors. The denials are not believed by Dilke's political associates, but everybody has welcomed

his return to the House of Commons as an indication that whatever was the cause of his recent absence, he does not meditate retiring from public life.

Special Notices.

ONE CASE Ladies' Rubber Circulars just received at the London House. aug 6-2w 3law wky 4

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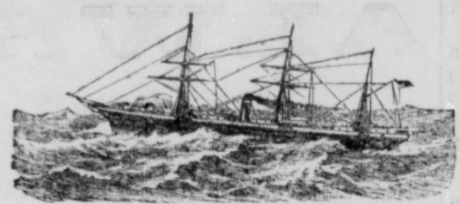
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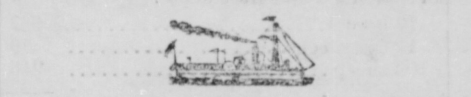
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Saturday, will leave Crapaud at 7 a. m. for Charlottetown; leaving Charlottetown at 1.30 p. m. for Crapaud, and returning to Charlottetown from Crapaud same day.

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