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NEWS, placed as if on a compass, used to be prefixed to newspapers to show that they obtained information from the four quarters of the world, and the general superstition that our word *NEWS* is derived from this is an old ingenious conceit. It is a nice story, but the explanation is far simpler. The old spelling was *NEWES*, and it is derived from the French word *nouvelles*.

The earliest newspapers were issued by governments and were instruments of record. The word *gazette* means a newspaper. It is a word of Italian origin derived from the government newspaper issued in Venice from about 1536. It may be a diminutive of *gazza*, a magpie, in the sense of gossip or chatter, or could be derived from *gazetta*, a small coin charged as a fee for reading the Venetian newspaper.

Our earliest newspaper here in the United Kingdom is the *London Gazette*, an official government publication, which appeared first as the *Oxford Gazette* in 1665, when the court was at Oxford. It was transferred to London in 1666 and has appeared on Tuesdays and Fridays ever since.

If we examine the example from my own collection, dated 1763, we can see evidence of the transfer from official publication on behalf of the ruling powers towards the City pages of the newspapers that we have today.

Looking at the first page (page 5) we can see that what we call today the dateline is printed as *'At the Court at St James, the 20th day of July, 1763.'*

The first item in the left hand column is the appointment of Viscount Stormont to the Privy Council. Underneath follows a sycophantic address from the *'High Sheriff, nobility, gentry and clergy, ... of Lancaster'*

The peace settlement that they are referring to was one of the many undertaken during the wars against France. This is the reign of George III, and this particular peace treaty gave England sovereignty over (among other territories) present day Canada. The equally subservient address carried in the right hand column echoes the same fawning sentiments. What is interesting is the appeal down at the foot of the page on behalf of the landed gentry.

'Yet when a Commercial Nation is loaded with Debt and Taxes, its Inhabitants diminished, the Landed Interest peculiarly suffering by the Weight of every additional Tax, to conclude a Safe, Honourable and Advantageous Peace, will remain also a lasting Monument of the Wisdom of Your Majesty's Measures.'

Looking at the foot of the left hand column of page 6 of this early newspaper we see an example of real early news. The last item is headed 'General Post Office, June 20, 1763'. Underneath the text reads *'The post will go every Night from London to Tunbridge Wells, and from Tunbridge Wells to London, Sundays excepted, from Friday next at 24th instant, to 29th September.'*

By command of the Postmaster General.

So by this date, 1763, the *London Gazette* is starting to carry more than mere appointments at Court.

The right hand column gives a further example, but this time it takes the form of an appeal to the King himself. In essence, it is a crime report, with an offer of a reward.

The location of the crime explains why I was able to find this particular early newspaper (and buy it for 10 pence) in Topsham just outside Exeter. It had been kept because the crime was local.

The petition gives the details of a night-time robbery *'at the Parish of the Holy Trinity in the County of the City of Exeter'* where *'some person or persons unknown ... in Rack-Field there ... wilfully and maliciously cut five Serges ... to the value of £8.'*

Serges are pieces of cloth, and this is simply an early report of simple theft.

At the foot of the report the text reads *'and, as a further encouragement, the said Ann Moore and Abram Kennoway do hereby promise an award of £50, ...'*

Following on under this generous appeal come two paragraphs giving notice of Naval prize money being paid out. The first is in London *'at the King's Head Tavern in Fenchurch Street'* and the second *'at the Exeter Inn at Plymouth'*.

Interesting to note these early 'adverts' use the same terminology, namely that *'any shares of the plunder not then paid out will be recalled at the same place, on first Monday every month for the following three years.'*

The adverts had been placed by the Prize Agents concerned one in Plymouth and two (with English names) working out of Lisbon.

But it is the final paragraph that intrigues and gives us an indication of how these early newspapers were turning towards coverage of business matters.

It reads *'the joint and separate creditors of Thomas Cooke, late of Size Lane, London ... a bankrupt, are desired to meet the assignees of his estate and effects, on Friday 29th*

July instant, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, at Guildball Coffee House in King Street, London in order to empower and authorise the said assignees to commence and prosecute one or more suit or suits in equity, and to submit any dispute or difference between them and any person or persons whatsoever to arbitration, and also to compound for any debt or debts due to the said bankrupt's estate, and on other special affairs.'

How much more elegant a way of describing a creditors meeting. And how much nicer to hold it in a coffee house rather than the offices of some City solicitor of today.

The third page carries more paragraphs detailing creditors meetings, bankruptcies, as well as a couple of splendid advertisements for newly published books.

So the *London Gazette* by 1763, is already moving away from its formal role introducing items which start to reflect the City business pages of the newspapers that we know today.

Remember that *The Times* did not start publishing until 1785, over a century later and newspapers like the *Daily Telegraph* (1855) and the *Financial Times* (1888) did not start publication until the second half of the 19th century.

Numbr. 10332.

The London Gazette.

Published by Authority.

From Tuesday July 19, to Saturday July 23, 1763:

At the Court at St. James's, the 20th Day of July, 1763.

P R E S E N T.

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS Day the Right Honourable David Viscount Stormont, was, by His Majesty's Command, sworn of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

St. James's, July 23.

The following Address of the High Sheriff, Nobility, Gentry and Clergy, of the County Palatine of Lancaster, having been transmitted by the Right Honourable the Lord Strange, Lord Lieutenant of the said County, to the Earl of Halifax, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, to be laid before the King, has, by his Lordship, been presented to His Majesty: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

The humble Address of the High Sheriff, Nobility, Gentry and Clergy, of the County Palatine of Lancaster,

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the High Sheriff, Nobility, Gentry and Clergy of the County Palatine of Lancaster, truly sensible of the many and great Blessings derived to us by the Accession of your Majesty's Ancestors to the Throne of these Kingdoms, and continued to us under your Majesty's mild and indulgent Government, humbly beg Leave to approach your Royal Presence with our unfeigned Thanks for the late Instance of your Paternal Care of your People, in concluding, by a just and honourable Peace, a War that for many Years together had spread Misery and Destruction through every Quarter of the Globe.

To attend to the Cries of an injured People; to avenge their Wrongs; and to defend their Rights; is the Part of a good and wise Governor. The War, entered into by your Royal Grandfather, and continued by your Majesty upon this equitable Principle, was successful beyond our most sanguine Expectations. But to hearken to the Voice of Humanity amidst the Horrors and Calamities of War, is the true Glory of a Conqueror; to sheath the devouring Sword in the midst of Victories, is the noblest Triumph; to stop the Effusion of Human Blood is Friendship to Mankind; and Moderation to vanquished Enemies, not only shews an undaunted Greatness of Soul, but also breathes the true Spirit of Christianity; and when made to coincide with the real Interests of a People, as it is the soundest Policy, so it deservedly engages the Prince, in whose Breast it dwells, to every Testimony of Love and Gratitude, which they can give, or He receive.

[Price Three Pence.]

We cannot, without the deepest Concern, see your Majesty's upright and benevolent Intentions in some Measure frustrated by a Spirit of Division and Discontent unhappily spreading itself at this Time amongst us; but we hope the same Wisdom that inspired your Majesty's Councils in restoring Peace Abroad, will speedily and effectually re-establish Tranquillity and Harmony at Home. To concur in so salutary a Work is the Duty, is the Interest, of every undivided Friend to Liberty, of every true Lover of his Country; by observing himself, and encouraging in others, peaceable Behaviour in their respective Stations, an unreserved Submission to the Laws, and all dutiful Affection and legal Obedience to your Majesty's Person and Government.

The following Address of the Lord Lieutenant, Nobility, Justices of the Peace, Gentry, Clergy, and others of the County of Buckingham, has been presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable Lord Le Despencer, Lord Lieutenant of the said County, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed Chamber to Waiting, which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

The humble Address of the Lord Lieutenant, Nobility, Justices of the Peace, Gentry, Clergy and others, assembled at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, holden at Aylesbury in and for the County of Buckingham, this 14th Day of July, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and sixty-three.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE presume to offer our most respectful Acknowledgements of Duty and Gratitude, for the general Benefit we enjoy, under the Constitutional Government of a Prince so truly British; and we beg Leave to join the publick Voice of your loyal and affectionate Subjects, upon the Glorious and Advantageous Termination of the late War; an Event no less important than critical, in which your Majesty's Wisdom, Humanity, Magnanimity, and Moderation, appear equally manifest, by not only procuring to your Kingdoms the present Blessings of Peace, but by taking every Precaution to secure its Permanency. A War so Glorious, (though, at the same Time, rendered so formidable by its Extent) Successes so rapid, (though purchased by great Effusion of Blood and Treasure) will furnish to Posterity shining Monuments of British Spirit and Intrepidity; yet when a Commercial Nation is loaded with Debts and Taxes, its Inhabitants diminished, the Landed Interest peculiarly suffering by the Weight of every additional Tax, to conclude a Safe, Honourable and Advantageous Peace, will remain also a lasting Monument of the Wisdom of your Majesty's Measures.

Gratefully conscious of the ineffable Benefits, and of the Security we derive from so affectionate a Monarch, we cannot omit expressing our Detestation

and Abhorrence of any the most distant Marks of Disrespect to your Sacred Person; and to express our firm Resolution to vindicate, upon all Occasions, the Dignity of the Crown, so necessary to secure the true Liberties of the People.

The following Address of the Convention of the Royal Burrows of that Part of His Majesty's Kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland, having been transmitted by George Drummond, Esq; as Praeses to the said Convention, and, by their Appointment, to the Earl of Halifax; one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, to be laid before the King, has, by his Lordship, been presented to His Majesty: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the General Convention of the Royal Burrows of Scotland.

May it please your Majesty,
THE Annual Convention of the Royal Burrows now assembled, beg Leave unanimously to congratulate your Majesty on the Birth of the Prince of Wales, an Event which we hope will be equally productive of domestick Happiness to our Sovereign, and of publick Felicity to these Kingdoms.

We also beg Leave, with the like Unanimity, to offer to your Majesty our most sincere Congratulations on the happy Conclusion of a Peace, so fully adequate to the unparalleled Success of the War.

We trust, that the extensive Acquisitions, acquired by your Majesty's Arms, and now secured by the Wisdom of your Councils, will be improved in Time of Peace, not only to repair the Breaches made by a bloody and expensive War, but likewise to increase the Commerce and Strength of Great Britain.

Permit us, Great Sir, at this Time, to declare that our Gratitude and Affection to the best of Sovereigns, are heightened and animated by Reflecting on the ungrateful Return, which some of your deluded Subjects have made to the greatest Effort of your Majesty's Goodness and Affection for your People. Convinced by repeated Proofs of your Majesty's Love of Liberty, we consider it as our most sacred prerogative in your Hands, as a Barrier against Licentiousness, and as a Security, to the Liberty and Privileges of the People. In that Light we deem every Attack upon the Dignity of the Crown as a real Infringement of the Rights of the Subject.

May it please your Majesty,
Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects,
The Representatives of the Royal Burrows of Scotland in a General Convention assembled.

Signed in Name, in Presence and by Appointment of the General Convention of the Royal Burrows of Scotland, by

Geo. Drummond, Praeses.
Edinburgh, July 14, 1763.

Whitehall, July 23.
The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable James Lord Tyravly, General of His Majesty's Foot Forces, to be Field Marshal of all and singular His Majesty's Forces.

General Post Office, June 20, 1763.
The Post will go every Night, from London to Tunbridge Wells, and from Tunbridge Wells to London, Sundays excepted, from Friday next the 24th instant, to the 20th of September.
By Command of the Postmaster General,
Anth. Todd, Secretary.

St. James's, July 12, 1763.
Whereas it has been publicly reported, That some Person or Persons, unknown, in the Night-time, between the Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Days of June last, at the Parish of the Holy Trinity in the County of the City of Exeter, in a Rack-field there, called Ererhayes, wilfully and maliciously cut Five Serjes, called Half Quarters, of the Value of Eight Pounds the Property of Ann Moor, of the Parish of the Holy Trinity in the said County of the City of Exeter, Fuller, then and there being on the Racks; and that some Person or Persons, unknown, did, also, in the Night-time, between the Second and Third Days of this Instant July, at the Parish aforesaid, and in the Rack-field aforesaid, wilfully and maliciously cut Eight other Serjes, called Pieces and Halves of six Pence of Twelve Pence, the Property also of the said Ann Moor, then and there being on the said Racks and also Four other Serjes, likewise called Pieces and Halves of the Value of Six Pounds the, and there being in the Racks, the Property of Abraham Kennaway, of the same Parish, Fuller; and that all the Serjes so cut aforesaid were thereby greatly injured, and so as not to be worth One Third Part of the Original Value His Majesty, for the better Discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons concerned in Committing the said Crimes, or either of them, is hereby pleased to promise His most Gracious Pardon to any One of them (except the Person who actually cut the said Serjes) who shall discover, his, or her, Accomplice or Accomplices in the said Facts; so that he, she, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

DUNK HALIFAX.
And, as a further Encouragement, the said Ann Moor and Abraham Kennaway do hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds, to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid (except as above excepted) to be paid by them, upon the Conviction of any One, or more, of the Offenders.
Ann Moor.
Abraham Kennaway.

This is to give Notice to the Officers and Company of His Majesty's Sloop Cygnet, who were actually on Board at the Taking of the Spanish Ship Adriatica, that their respective Shares of Prize-money for 1764, shall be paid on Monday the 1st of August next, at the King's-head Tavern in Fenchurch Street; and the same Prize will be recalled the first Monday in every Month, at the same Place for three Years to come.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of His Majesty's Ship Arethusa, who were actually on Board at Taking the Guerriere Prize, that they will be paid their respective Shares of the Produce of the said Prize and Bounty-money, at the Exeter Inn at Plymouth, on Monday the 1st of August, 1763; and the Shares not then paid, will be recalled at the same Place, the first Monday in every Month for three Years afterwards.
John Lloyd, of Plymouth, } Agents.
Mess. Coppendale and May, of Lisbon, }

THE joint and separate Creditors of Thomas Cook, late of Six Lane, London, Packer, a Bankrupt, are desired to meet the Assignees of his Estate and Effects, on Friday the 29th of July instant, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, at Guildhall Coffee-house in King-street, London; in order to empower and authorize the said Assignees to commence and prosecute one or more Suit or Suits in Equity; and to submit any Dispute or Difference between them and any Person or Persons whatsoever to Arbitration, and also to compound for any Debt or Debts due to the said Bankrupt's Estate; and on other special Affairs.

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 OR,
 YOUNG MERCHANT AND TRADESMAN'S
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To which is added,
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 and Perry; which are contained in no other
 Treatise on Trade.

By a Society of MERCHANTS and TRADESMEN.
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 the Small Pox, Measles, Pleurisy, Quinsies, acute
 Rheumatismy Colds, and all inflammatory Disorders, as well
 as for those which are called Nervous, Hypochondriac, and
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Experience having taught, that this Medicine, which
 is a safe and certain Cure for the above Disorders, is bet-
 ter prepared for Sea Service (and more convenient) in Bottles, than
 made up as usual in Marble Paper, the Commissioners, who
 have the Direction of the Medicines employed in the Navy,
 have ordered this Powder to be so preserved for the Use of all
 His Majesty's Ships, and a large Quantity is also
 made up in the large Manner for Merchants and Captains of
 Trading Ships, as well as for those who are any way con-
 cerned in Voyages, or the Sea Service.

This Medicine is sold only by J. Newbery, at the Bible and
 Sun in St. Paul's Church Yard, and by those who are em-
 powered by him to sell it in the several Towns of Great Bri-
 tain, Ireland, and the Colonies.

Of whom may be had
 Dr. James's Mild Powder for the Disorders above-men-
 tioned, which is prepared from the same Materials as the
 other Powder, but so contrived as to have little or no sensi-
 ble Operation, and upon that Account is the more proper for
 Women under the same Conditions. And it is more than
 probable that this Powder, by taking off the Acrimony, will
 prevent Pitting in the Small Pox, Price 2s. 6d.

Pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the
 Creditors of Thomas Griggs, late of Ballingdon in the
 County of Essex, Clothier, deceased, are peremptorily to come,
 in and prove their Debts before Samuel Pechell, Esq; one of the
 Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's Inn,
 on or before the 6th Day of November next; or they will be
 excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

Pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Cre-
 ditors (if any) of Charles Selwyn, late of Richmond in the
 County of Surry, Esq; deceased, are peremptorily to come in
 and prove their Debts before Thomas Bennett, Esq; one of the
 Masters of the said Court, at his House in Curitor's-Street
 in Chancery Lane, London, on or before the 27th Day of
 October next, in order to receive a Satisfaction for the same,
 or in Default thereof they will absolutely be excluded the
 Benefit of the said Decree.

THE Creditors of William Taylor, late of Staining-lane,
 London, Merchant, Dealer and Chapman, a Bankrupt,
 are desired to meet the Assignees of his Estate and Effects, on
 the 3d of August next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, at
 the Paul's-head Tavern in Cateaton-street, London, in order to
 assent to or dissent from Proceedings at Law and in Equity, or
 to empower the said Assignees to commence or defend one or
 more Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity, or to compound,
 agree, or submit to Arbitration any Matters in Dispute re-
 lating to the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects.

This Day is published, on a fine Royal Paper,

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 known Species, in above a thousand Figures, on 85 Royal
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 and Seasons, translated into English by the Rev. Dr. Gregory
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 Series, Species, Divisions, &c. in Latin, referring to each Fi-
 gure, methodized by J. Millan, Price 1 l. 5s. 0d. Printed
 for the said J. Millan near Whitehall.

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1. A List of all His Majesty's Forces for 1763. Price bound 6s. with Tables of the Army, Militia, and Militaries, colour'd, Number of Officers and Men in each Regiment, or 5s. without.
2. Universal Register of Lords and Commons, Court and City Offices, Navy and Army, &c. for 1763.
3. List of the Forces of the different Powers in Europe, Uniforms colour'd, Number of Officers and Men, &c. 10s. 6d.
4. Muller's System of Fortification, Engineering, Artillery, &c. 165 large fine Cuts, 2 l. 4s. 6d.
5. New Prussian Field Regulations, 13 large Plates, 7s. 6d. bound.
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8. Regimental and Recruiting Books.
9. Dr. Hill on the Royal Society, 9s. bound.
10. Columella's Husbandry translated by the late learned J. Gibson, Esq; 12s. bound; the remaining small Number of Hill, and Columella, to be sold to Chittima; at the said Prices, afterwards advanced.

THE Creditors of John Green, late Commandet of the
 Ship Stafford in the Service of the East India Company,
 are desired to meet the Trustees at the Antwerp Tavern in
 Threadneedle-street, on Friday the 29th Day of this Instant
 July, at Five of the Clock in the Afternoon, to peruse their
 Accounts, and to consider about making a Dividend or the
 Trust Estate; and such of the Creditors, who have not made
 Affidavits of their Debts, are desired, in the mean Time, to
 make the same, and to execute the Deed of Trust at Mr. Life's
 in Basinghall-street.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupts were
 ed and issued against Henry Unthoff and Nicholas Bat-
 tier, of London, Merchants and Partners, Bankrupts, intend
 to meet at Guildhall, London, on Tuesday the 9th Day of
 August next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon; when and
 where the said, and respective separate Creditors of the said
 Henry Unthoff will be at Liberty to prove their Debts.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupts were
 ed and issued forth against Edward Hayes, of the City of
 Coventry, Warehouseman, Dealer and Chapman, intend to
 meet at the House of Samuel Thomas, known by the Sign of
 the White Bear in the City of Coventry, on the 1st of Septem-
 ber next, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's
 Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have
 not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove
 the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said
 Dividend.

WHEREAS the said Commissioners in the Commission
 of Bankrupt awarded against John Jones, of the City
 of Bristol, Maltster and Brewer, have certified to the Rt. Hon.
 Lord Henley, Baron of Grange, Lord High Chancellor of Great
 Britain, that the said John Jones hath in all Things con-
 formed himself according to the Directions of the several Acts
 of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give
 Notice, that by virtue of an Act passed in the fifth Year of
 His late Majesty's Reign, his Certificate will be allowed and
 confirmed as the said Act directs, unless Cause be shewn to the
 contrary on or before the 13th of August next.

Erratum. The Advertisement of a Commission of Bank-
 rupt against William Cope, which was in the Gazette of Sa-
 turday July 9, should have been inserted in the Tuesday's Ga-
 zette following.

Printed by E. Owen and T. Harrison in Warwick-Lane. 1763.

Another newspaper in my collection, the *Weekly Times and Echo* dated 1897 shows how much things have moved on (see page 9 and 10). The front page carries a drawing illustrating the latest play on at the Savoy Theatre. The right hand column carries, in the first half of the page some intriguing headlines: '*Clergyman's fatal fall over a cliff*', '*Cycling fatality to an Oxford Professor*', and '*Ten years for cheque forgeries*', certainly want to make you read on. The remaining paragraphs in the column carry the real news detailing of increased wage demand of 2/6 per week from shipwrights at Newcastle, and a report of a lockout in the same industry at Sunderland.

The bottom half of the centre of the page carried short contemporary news items and a couple of juicy divorce cases. The main home report in fact, details a murder on the London railway system.

However, despite these attractions of page one it is the left hand column of the front page which demands our attention.

Under the heading '*Latest foreign telegrams*' various foreign reports relating to disputes between Greeks and Turks under the subheading '*The crisis in Crete*', military campaigns in Africa, the Anglo-American Arbitration Treaty, a boiler explosion in Chicago, and military pensions in Germany are all dealt with in succinct paragraphs.

At the foot of each is a very recognisable source - *Reuters*.

Newswires were the lifeblood of those early foreign desks on national daily papers. Alongside a diet of light theatrical entertainment, murder, and industrial disputes, people wanted to know about the world outside.

The back page shows the same kind of juxtaposition that we have today. On the left we have sports reports with the 'Latest Notes' from football. To the right of the page are two columns devoted to City with a report from the Stock Exchange, apparently affected by the news reported on page one on the Cretan situation. The second column is devoted to popular share prices, and because of the date, particular attention being paid to British railway and American railroad stock.

We have a long and liberal tradition of newspaper publishing in this country. Indeed, considering that our oldest titles started life well before the additional information distractions of radio and television, then it is amazing that we still have so many titles that are read by such a large quantity of people.

Dr. Allen's Natural Food... word one is. Packet of food. Our two children...

GENTLEMEN.—I have always recommended your food... GENTLEMEN.—Kindly send a tin of Natural Food...

Lady Constance Howard says— "It is very delicious, light and nourishing... DR. ALLINSON'S NATURAL FOOD HELPS NURSING MOTHERS TO REAP BENEFITS...

out any trouble, and has had none of the many ailments... GENTLEMEN.—When I first commenced giving your food to my baby...

son's Natural Food. I consider it the best in the Kingdom for babies... Mrs. BUTLER.

FOR BABIES. Nourishes every organ and tissue and keeps baby in good condition. FOOD COMPANY, Limited, 70, Long Lane, London, S.E. 2/6 TIN Post Free. Contains 4lbs.

BALLERS. jurisdiction in the matter, and that Messrs. Rowland Hill, Smith, and McAlister...

INTERNATIONAL MATCH. ENGLISH v. IRELAND.—Strong teams representing these countries met at Belfast, Northern Ireland, yesterday...

ATHLETICS. CROSS COUNTRY RUNS. SOUTHERN COUNTRIES CHAMPIONSHIP.—Yesterday the annual races of the Senior and Junior Cross-country Championship of the South were decided at Wexham Park...

THE INVESTOR'S GUIDE. Correspondents desiring information on Investment of money in the various securities of the United Kingdom...

should prefer to purchase either stock or guaranty of railway. If you invest in North British Ordinary or Caledonian Deferred stock...

ORRERY. the in no small degree for Ireland last Saturday night...

LEAGUE MATCHES.—FIRST DIVISION. Sheffield v. Nottingham. Preston v. Bolton. Sunderland v. Newcastle.

PEDESTRIANISM. 120 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP. The 120 yards championship was promoted by Messrs. Hunt and Warburton...

THE POLITICAL SITUATION. To discuss the matter seriously, we cannot see what is to be done...

BRITISH RAILWAYS. British Railways, Ltd. Consolidated 111 1/2. Midland 102 1/2. Great Northern 102 1/2.

SPORTS. ALL. The programme was limited to send five in the notes of the relative positions...

LEAGUE MATCHES.—SECOND DIVISION. Sheffield v. Nottingham. Preston v. Bolton. Sunderland v. Newcastle.

THE AUSTRALIAN RUBBER MARKET. San Francisco, Friday.—The proceedings in the Exchange today were in the nature of a lull...

Argentines. All through the worst time of the Revolution, and the financial crisis which followed...

South Africans. The floor claim for indemnity—moral, actual and intellectual—has had an adverse effect upon Chartered shares...

INTERNATIONAL MATCH. SCOTLAND v. IRELAND.—In opposing the Irish football team yesterday at the Farnhill Hotel...

TO-DAY'S MEETINGS AND LECTURES. 8.15.—Hall of the S.D.P., 337, Strand, W.C. 2. R. S. D. Stewart, "Democracy."

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