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A domestic occurrence in another column refers to a nephew of the Deputy Governor.

The performance of *The Yeoman of the Guard* at Shanghai is reported to have been a success.

Next Sunday at 6 a.m. the Right Revd. Bishop Fée will consecrate the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, and at the end of the long service the Bishop will celebrate a consecration high mass. There will be three masses in the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, at 5, 6 and 7 a.m. for the congregation of the Cathedral who may not wish to wait for the high mass.

It is hoped that the experimental manufacture of cordite in India may be begun in April. This will depend on the completion of the new buildings at Kirkee. The ordnance departmental trial with cordite ammunition for the Martini-Henry rifle has been quite satisfactory. The new cartridge case is now under trial by selected volunteer corps and at the musketry schools.

The cruiser *Mercury* (so long connected with Singapore, but no longer H. M. S.) is now used as a training ship in the Solent near Southampton, in connection with a school and institution at Hamble. The object of the institution is to prepare boys

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SHIPPING NEWS.

SHIPPING NEWS. The steamer Benlomond arrived, on the 6th instant, from Moji, with coals for Messrs.

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for the Royal Navy, and as bandsmen for either the Royal Navy or the army. It is not a reformatory or an industrial-school ship.

Many will regret to hear of the death, on the 24th January, of Mrs. Aviet Agabeg, who was well-known in London in former years as Miss Edith Wynne, Mr. Agabeg being a Rangoon barrister. Her remarkably rich and sweet voice made her welcome at all public concerts, and her musical talents and sweet disposition endeared her to a large circle of private friends. It is stated that the cause of Mrs. Agabeg's death is not known, as a telegram merely announces the fact. Her last letters to Rangoon reported her to be in good health.

Here is a precedent from Hongkong. On the 3rd inst. a 'ricksha coolie was summoned at the Police Court for damaging a bicycle. Mr. James Lockhead was riding his bicycle along Queen's Road when the defendant, who was pulling his 'ricksha on the wrong side of the road, suddenly swerved round to get to the right side, and the result was a collision between the 'ricksha and bicycle. The bicycle got the worst of the encounter, the damage being \$10. The coolie was very properly given into custody for being so reckless, and the Magistrate ordered him to pay \$10 compensation to Mr. Lockhead.

The death is announced of Mr. P. A. Gillespie, formerly of the Dispensary, Singapore. Mr. Gillespie will be remembered as one of the original members of the Golf Club, in which he took a keen interest, acting as Hon. Treasurer for two years and serving also on the Committee, receiving a special vote of thanks for his services. He was a keen golfer and played in the Interport Team Matches in 1891, 1892, and 1894. Although not a long driver, he was clever at approach shots and putting. He won several prizes, including the President's (the late Mr. MacRitchie's) Cup in 1894.

The condemned prisoner Chua Tua Taw has committed suicide by throwing himself over the 2nd landing on D. Block of the Pudooh Gaol. This took place about 10-45 a.m. on Saturday. The man lingered four hours after his fall. That a condemned prisoner should have had the chance of performing this feat, does not seem quite in the right order of things.

[George Victor Townley, the Derbyshire murderer, (who killed his fiancée at Wigwell Abbey) did the same thing at Pentonville in 1865, his sentence having been commuted fourteen months before on grounds of insanity, afterwards disproved. His sister was for a number of years before the public as a leading soprano in oratorio and other concerts. She took another name which we do not give, as the lady, though for some time absent from the concert platform, is, we believe, still alive.—ED. *S.F.P.*]

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