

James II's Last Stand.

During the reign of William III. and Mary II, some very important events took place in Ireland, for it was there that James II, surrounded by the Celtic Irish, who looked on him as a hero, made his last vain struggle for the Crown, which previously he had worn. Louis XIV. of France, encouraged the expedition, and Tyrconnel, then Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, raised an army for James. Lord Mountjoy, leader of the Irish Protestants, was enticed to Paris and shut up in the Bastille, and meanwhile James landed at Kinsale, 15 miles south of Cork, entering Dublin in triumph on March 24, 1688. His first great operation was the siege of Londonderry, the stronghold of the Ulster Protestants, where the citizens, greatly encouraged by the Rev. Geo. Walker (whose monument, probably still rises from the walls) endured the worst miseries of famine for more than three months. At last, three ships from England broke the boom of fir-wood laid across the river Foyle, and carried food to the starving garrison. The Irish army, thus baffled, retreated without delay. Marshal Schomberg then arrived with 16,000 troops, and William, soon landing at Carrickfergus, nine miles north-east of Belfast, found himself at the head of 40,000 men. The cavalry of James behaved well, but he himself was obliged to flee through the Pass of Duleek for Dublin, from whence he hurried to Kinsale, and thence to France. This was prolonged for a year by Tyrconnel and St. Ruth, a French general, and the Siege of Limerick, where the fragments of James' army made their last stand, ended in capitulation. It is said that a million acres of land were confiscated to the Crown, and their possessors driven into exile. About 1,200 Irishmen crossed to France, and formed the "Irish Brigade" in the army of Louis, whilst thenceforth William held the crown securely.

Last House of Queen Elizabeth.

The death of Queen Elizabeth on March 24, 1603, made a dreary close to a reign perhaps the most brilliant in English history. Be the facts connected with the execution of her last favourite what they may (and legend has been busy with that episode), it is certain that Essex's conspiracy and tragic end plunged her spirit into gloom. A profound melancholy possessed the Queen, who was then in her seventieth year; she had lived a full life, and she passed the days huddled in a chair, silent and brooding. Already the courtiers were turning their eyes to the North, where the Scottish Solomon was preparing to enter upon his inheritance, and her Council were busy with the question of the succession. As the end visibly approached, they sent the Keeper, the Lord Admiral and the Secretary, to know her will, and she replied that, as she held a royal sceptre, so she desired none but a royal successor. When Cecil besought her to be more explicit, she said that she would have a king of Scots? Afterwards came the Archbishop of Canterbury to advise her to fix her thoughts on God. She answered that she did so, nor did her mind the least wander from Him, and thereafter her voice failed her, so that she spoke no more. Then her senses left her, and she lapsed into lethargic slumber, in which, after some hours, she passed quietly away, without struggle or convulsion. Her reign was in its forty-fifth year and had been fortunate beyond expectation. The Elizabethan now is regarded as a Golden Age, and during the troubles that set in under her successors, men learned to look regretfully back to the palmy days of "Good Queen Bess."

Lady Day and Its Customs.

Lady Day—March 25—was anciently called St. Mary's Day in Lent, to distinguish it from other festivals in honour of the Virgin. The Festival of the Annunciation and first day of the Gregorian year has long been observed as quarter day, and from its civil importance was written in ancient documents as "Our Lady Day the Annunciation." In these olden days—when the tenant was entirely at the mercy of the landowner—various customs were indulged in on quarter days, which have long since fallen into disuse. The best remembered of these consisted of the presenting of free gifts of various kinds with which to find favour in the eyes of the landlord.

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their quarter's rent, they bring some fowl at Midsummer, a dish of fruit at Lent. At Christmase a capon, at Michaelmasse a goose. And somewhat else at New Year's tide, for fear their lease gite loose!

Apart from the collection of rents, with their attendant observances, there do not appear to have been any very general customs indulged in on Lady Day. There are some traces of the strengthening of sickly children in Scotland by laying them in a freshly dug grave on Lady Day, and in Lancashire there was a festival known as the "Guisling Feast," held at Ashton-under-Lyne, while a species of cakes known as "Poppe's Tassies," were sold at St. Albans in memory of an escape from footpads on the Great North Road, but these observances have fallen into disuse, and the general idea appears to be to honour the customs

of Lady Day rather in the breach than the observance.

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Mrs. Bernard Beere, the well-known actress who died on March 25, 1915, but whose name was Whitehead, was born in 1856, and received her training for the stage from Herman Verin. She made her professional debut at the Opera Comique, London, and in 1877-8 was a member of the company at the St. James's Theatre, where she took the part of "Emilia" in "Othello," "Lady Sneerwell" in "The School for Scandal," "Julia" in "The Rivals," and "Grace Harkaway" in "London Assurance." She subsequently played at the Crystal Palace in Old English comedy for which, with a fine figure and distinguished manners, she had made much aptitude. In 1878-9 she went on tour with Mrs. Chippendale, and on her return to London she created the role of "Lisa" in W. S. Gilbert's "Gretchen."

en." The next ten or twelve years were probably the best in her career. She was the original representative of such characters as "Sangaree" in "Michael Strogon," "Dora Steer" in "The Promise of May," "Jane Byre" in Willis' drama, "Lena Despard," in "As in a Looking Glass," a role which she acted with great power, and "Mrs. Arbutnot" in "A Woman of No Importance." She was also the original representative of "Fedora" (1883), another of her great parts, and "La Tosca," (1889). She had besides a varied repertory, which included "Lady Teazle," "Julia," in "The Hunchback," "Pauline" in "The Lady of Lyons," "Julie" in "Richelet," the "Princesse de Bouillon" in "Adrienne Lecouvreur," the "Countess Ticksa" in "Diplomacy," "Peg Woffington" in "Masks and Faces"—a role in which she had a great success—and "Lady Gay Spanker." With a company of her own Mrs. Bernard Beere toured the provinces for several years.

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"Bluenose" Will Be Launched on Saturday

According to present plans, the fishing schooner Bluenose, now building at Smith and Rhuland's Yards, Lunenburg, as a contender for the honor of representing Canada in the 1921 International schooner races of Halifax, will be launched on Saturday, March 26th. The vessel is now planked and decked, with the deck-houses up and the hatches and skylight in place. Virtually all that now remains to be done before launching is the finishing, such as the interior work of the cabin and fore-cabin and odds and ends. The caulking was practically all done as the vessel was being planked. About thirty men have been employed in the construction of the schooner.

One of the disadvantages under which the Lunenburg schooner Delawana raced with the Gloucester Esperanto last year was that the American canvas was of better quality and gave that ship better driving power. It is hoped that such will not be the case this year and, the Bluenose at least will spread the best possible commercial duck procurable.

Good Progress On Mayflower. Advice from Essex, Mass., where the schooner Mayflower is building as a contender for the honor of representing the United States in the 1921 International, say that the vessel is confidently expected to be ready for launching by April 15th next. W. Sterling Burgess, who prepared the plans for the schooner, is superintending the construction at the yards of J. F. James and Son. Master mariners who have inspected the Mayflower's model or have studied the hull, express belief that she will prove as great an innovation as did the old Fredonia, a fishing schooner which was designed by the late Edward Burgess, father of the Mayflower's designer, and which enjoyed a reputation among the old salts of New England for her speed and wonderful ability in rough water. Like the Bluenose, the Mayflower embodies nothing that can be termed freak, notwithstanding the fact that the lines in both cases depart somewhat from the conventional. Capt. Charles Hart, of Gloucester, who built the Esperanto and who sailed the old Fredonia in her palmiest days, regards the Mayflower as "the finest fishing vessel ever built."

Lunenburg sea Captains are inclined to wait and see before passing definite opinion. The Mayflower is owned by The Schooner Mayflower Association, Inc., Boston. The sum of \$51,000 needed for her construction and equipment was readily raised by subscription. Captain Angus Walters, skipper of the Bluenose, will have a "foeman worthy of his steel" in Captain J. Henry Larkin, who has been chosen to have charge of the Mayflower when she sets sail for the Banks and who probably will skipper the boat in the New England elimination races and, if the Mayflower wins there, then again in the International contest.

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The statement was objected to by counsel for the respondents but was allowed by Judge Codrere before whom the case is being heard. W. R. Granger, president of the registration committee, who was on the stand, said that beyond an anonymous letter and a broad statement by a man in court that ninety per cent. of so-called amateur players were not amateurs within the meaning of the association's rules, he had not the slightest idea that such conditions existed.

Mr. Lafame had put the question that two players of the Royal Bank team and two belonging to the Shamrocks had, to the knowledge of the registration committee, broken the rules. This question was then disallowed and Mr. Lafame changed the form of the question to the above statement.

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