

A GLANCE AT LIFE IN GREAT BRITAIN---HAPPENINGS IN ENGLAND, IRELAND AND SCOTLAND BRIEFLY CHRONICLED

JUMPED IN A WELL

Suicide of Brute Who Beat Girl With a Hammer.

The Right Hon. John Burns said: "The best remedy for the housing evil is to drink less; to help reformers; to persist in rising up, to cease drinking, betting and gambling."

A miner, after a drinking bout at Wolverhampton, undressed himself and climbed to the top of Himeley Church steeple. He descended after the police had exhausted all their powers of persuasion. He was fined £2.

States barges are things of the past. It is announced that H.M. tug Robust will convey the lord mayor of London to the Drednought on the occasion of the visit of the fleets to the Thames.

Last year over £13,000,000 was spent in this country on imported mutton. As a consequence, it is stated, the demand for home-grown sheep has seriously fallen off, and farmers are experiencing heavy losses.

In the building and completing of a Drednought daily work is afforded for between 1,000 and 1,500 skilled men. Of the total cost of £1,950,000 about 70 per cent—or £1,365,000—would go in wages.

"Self-homicide" was the verdict returned by a coroner's jury at Kingston, near Langport, Somerset, in the case of Henry Crayke, a widower, who jumped down a well after assaulting his daughter with a hammer. The girl, Lily, aged eighteen, acted as housekeeper, looking after four young children, whose ages ranged from four to twelve. The girl sustained no less than eight bad wounds, and is in a critical state.

The strike of goods porters and carters at Cork caused many merchants on Wednesday to take their goods from the quays themselves. Sir Stanley Harrington, of the Cork Chemical Drug Company, was among those who drove vansloads of goods from the quays.

Two rare Transvaal stamps (1s, yellow green), formerly the property of the late Mr. F. J. Nankivell, were sold on Wednesday night by Messrs. Glemendinger for £2.

WORSHIP IN TAVERN

Weekly Service in "Farmer's Arms," Sheldon, Eng.

At the Staffordshire licensing sessions it was stated that church services were held weekly at the "Farmer's Arms," Sheldon, High Offley.

The Duke of York's military school at Chelsea will be moved to Dover, where new buildings have been erected. A sixteenth century French translation of Terence was sold for £105 at the dispersal of the Beaufort library at Christie's.

John Cropper, of Liverpool, who had already saved fifty lives, rescued a girl from drowning in the Leeds and Liverpool canal.

The factories and workshops of the United Kingdom employed 1,037,223 people in 1907. Of these 504,321 were women and 210,832 were men.

It was discovered that a quantity of valuable old point lace had been stolen from the altar at St. Edward's Parish Church, Romford.

While Mr. Philip Thorne, a builder and contractor, was leaving St. Mary's Church, Wiltshire, after attending the wedding of a friend, he dropped dead.

Sir James Dewar stated in a lecture at the Royal Institution that there were 20,000 tons of radium in the sea and 1,000,000 tons of radium on the ocean bed.

R. Yates, a young professional golfer, made a wonderful record on the Combe Wood links. He scored the seventh hole, which measures 240 yards in one stroke.

An interesting find of coins has been made by workmen excavating the headmaster's garden at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford. They include a Charles II. half crown, dated 1667, and a "trader's token," on the obverse of which is a woodcock and the names, James Snelling, and on the reverse a castle, and the words "In Guildford." Several copper coins, chiefly early Georgian, were unearthed, as well as a leaden inkstand of an extinct pattern.

In reply to a question in the House of Commons Mr. Haldane said that, notwithstanding the one year men going out, there had been an increase since May 1, of 5,105 non-commissioned officers and men of the territorial army. The present total of the force was 3,313 officers and 253,463 non-commissioned officers and men.

An ascertained commercial value of

BABY'S GREAT DANGER

DURING HOT WEATHER

More children die during the hot weather than at any other time of the year. Diarrhoea, dysentery, cholera infantum and stomach troubles come without warning, and when a medicine is not at hand to give prompt relief, the delay may prove fatal to the child. Baby's Own Tablets should be kept in every home where there are children during the hot weather months.

An occasional dose of the tablets will prevent deadly summer complaints, or cure them if they come unexpectedly. Mrs. O. Moreau, St. Tithe, Que., says: "My baby suffered from a severe attack of cholera infantum, but after giving him Baby's Own Tablets the trouble disappeared, and he regained his splendidly." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont.

£4 per milligramme (equivalent to £114,000 per ounce), has been placed upon radium by a contract just entered into between the British Metalliferous Mines (Ltd.) and Viscount Iveagh and Sir E. Cassel, for the supply of 7½ grammes of pure radium bromide. It will come from the Cornish pitch-blende mine, and be presented to the Radium Institute. The institute is expected to be ready to receive patients suffering from cancer about the end of the present year.

Sir H. Babington Smith, secretary of the London postoffice, informed the Commons committee that 44,000 of the postal servants were adverse to the daylight saving bill, 8,900 neutral and 8,900 favorable.

Designed to carry a line from vessels at sea the Unge aerial torpedo, which is driven by a small turbine, was tried at Portsmouth, the torpedoes carrying the line in spite of a high wind of 30 to 35 yards.

Although experiments on living animals numbered 88,634 last year, an increase of 15,260, the home office report issued on Monday shows that nearly all the increase is due to inoculations performed without anaesthetics.

THREATENED BY SEA

Churchyard Is in Danger of Being Swept Away.

The churchyard at Lyme Regis is fast being swallowed up by the sea, and the inhabitants are in fear for the safety of the church. Seen fishing in the Thames at Kingston with an improvised net, a resident explained that he had lost his false teeth in rescuing a child from the river the previous evening. He recovered them.

The Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot is one of the directors of a newly-formed company, with a share capital of £150,000, to develop a wonderful home-made substitute for petrol, called "Homolite." It is a hydrocarbon obtained in the distillation of coal-tar which can be obtained at about half the present price of petrol, and yet, bulk for bulk, is far more powerful.

At the annual meeting of the National Anti-Gambling League, lately held at Birmingham, the Bishop of Birmingham urged that gambling ruined every form of athletic sport in which it was introduced.

A resolution was passed urging the Legislature to prohibit betting advertisements and withhold postal facilities to advertising betting firms by refusing to deliver communications addressed to them.

So much fruit and fresh vegetables for English markets are now arriving from South France that a daily service of steamers for this traffic alone has been started between Calais and Folkestone.

The remarkable price of \$1400 an ounce was paid for Christie's recently for an old English silver inkstand of the time of Charles I., one of the rare pieces which escaped the melting pot during the civil war.

Lieut. Shackleton has accepted an invitation to become a "Younger Brother of Trinity." This is the second time in the history of Trinity Lodge that such a distinction has been conferred.

By a dinner at the Grand Hotel the Pitt Club on Monday celebrated the 150th anniversary of Pitt's birth. The Duke of Richmond, an ancestor presided at the club dinner 100 years ago, being in the chair.

\$1,375 FOR A PENNY

Small Fortune Spent for a Few Old Coins.

Five early British pennies realized £747 at Sotheby's on Monday the dispersal of the Rastignac collection of coins. The chief item was a silver penny of Wladislaw, A.D. 1275-1283, which realized £275. Another penny of the same reign, one of 700 Anglo-Saxon coins found at Dorchester, made £174.

When the steamer Everon Grange left Liverpool for the Cape a dozen stowaways were routed out, and landed. When the ship was a couple of days out a dozen more were discovered. At Bristol on Monday some were fined, and others were bound over.

It has been decided by the lords of the admiralty to increase the wages of established ship-riggers to 28s. per week, and hired ship-riggers to 29s. 6d. per week. Mr. Perryman Hartnoll, who has died at Braintree, North Devon, aged ninety-nine, was probably the oldest churchwarden in England, having held the post for fifty years without a break.

In White hall, recently, an American seated on a taxicab drawn to the side of the road was sketching one of the Life Guardsmen on duty at the Horse Guards gates. At the cost of 8d. for ten minutes the artist evaded rule against sketching in a public place.

After a London and Southwestern excursion train with school children arrived at Littlehampton from Kingston-on-Thames on Wednesday three carriages caught fire through the heated axle. The whole of the upholstery and fittings were destroyed, the gas reservoirs having ignited.

During a heavy thunderstorm at Cressing, Essex, two fine horses, worth £200 each, were struck dead by lightning, while plowing a field. The stones as large as shillings fell in Lincolnshire about the same time.

A county council grant of £2000 a year is recommended for a school for tailors to be started at the Regent Street Polytechnic, in order to train English boys in a trade which at present provides work for a large number of foreigners.

The King will personally present silver medals to five men belonging to the Island of Phary, Orkney, for their gallant rescue of the crew of the trawler Hope, of Peterhead, wrecked

during a snowstorm on Dec. 29 last. For trying to save a man from drowning in a sewer, John Kane has been awarded the Royal Humane Society's bronze medal and William Jones the silver medal for rescuing them both, the men being seamen in the Bristol council's employ.

Denis Kelly, for twenty years in the service of the house of guardians as a tailor in the union, has been granted a superannuation of £1 9s 2d a week. This is the fullest allowance to which he is entitled.

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