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IRELAND TODAY.

There will be little surprise in Ire-
land or elsewhere over the announce-
ment that the introduction into the
Parliament of the United Kingdom of
a new bill for the government of
Ireland has been postponed again.
The Lloyd-George government has
many matters to call for its attention,
abroad as well as at home. It has
apparently fallen into a hurry in
regard to domestic legislation of
waiting till things are bad or there
is a demand, real or seeming, for
the doing of something, and then
rushing at the job in a hurry, remarks
an exchange. Sometimes the resis-
tant measures are lost and sometimes
they are held over. In the case of
the proposed Irish bill there is further
cause for going slowly. Governments
have been wrecked over home rule
bills, and the experience may be re-
peated. It is doubtful if a majority
in Parliament at any time really
favored even a partial repeal of the
Act of 1800 that made Great Britain
and Ireland one kingdom with one
parliament. The bill of 1912, that had
the approval of John Redmond, and
which has been a success but got
the war given an excuse or a reason
for postponing its going into force,
was passed by its going into force,
parties, to some of whom the affairs
of Ireland were secondary to local or
church organization matters in which
they took real and deep concern.
Government of today, like that of Sir
Henry Campbell-Bannerman and that
of Mr. Asquith, and of premiers before
their time, is not representative of a
solid party. Some of its sections can
not look with favor on any measure
that suggests the possibility of a les-
sening of its power in Ireland. The
report of a self-nominated Labor dele-
gation served to cause the latest post-
ponement of decisive action. It will
lessen the feeling that the existing
order has failed. Ireland has gone
through many periods of disturbance
and through some periods of rebellion,
followed by periods of quietness, actual
or relative. The present conditions
are not new, but in many cases they
are looked at from a viewpoint not
favored generally in the past. There
is much more of the gray, kinds
recorded. Some of it is probably re-
sponsible for all the motives are con-
sidered. Some of it is evidently polit-
ical and is attributed to Sinn Féin
organizations, which have the sympathy
of the mass of the people. It is
apparently not in the power of the
government to effectively punish
even murderers. Course-partiality
the place of civil justice at the
administration of law, Irish parlia-
mentary representatives are in prison
in England, and not under ordinary
legal process. Conflicts between the
police and armed assassins are of
weekly occurrence. Soldiers are need-
ed to protect those entrusted with the
duty of carrying out the law. This
sort of thing is not "democratic."
Moreover, it is not wholesome. The
effective and permanent ending of it
would be in the interest of the greater
kingdom as well as of Ireland. The
great moderate forces in the country
should be strong enough to support a
measure that would bring peace. The
others have had their chance and
missed it.

YPRES AND THE FUTURE.

Lieut. Col. Beckles Willson, who is
a biographer of Lord Strathcona, ap-
pears from the reports of The London
press to be a lecturer on the Ypres
salient. In a preface to his book on
Lord Strathcona, dated from Windsor,
Nova Scotia, in October, 1915, Col.
Willson explains "this book was writ-
ten amidst the distractions of war."
In the shadow of the armory as
"Canada drills and sends forth her
sons." After that he seems to have
come forth himself, his going forth
leading him in a lieutenant-colonelcy,
and apparently giving him a right to
lecture on the Ypres salient. He has
raised the question: Shall Ypres be
rebuilt? The old Ypresmaster wants
it done, but natural desire may be
over-estimating the practicalities of
the situation. He is opposed in his
demand, according to a contemporary,
by the bulk of the 1,500 Ypres who
have returned to their ruined city. It
is said to have been a "dead" city
before the war. Of its population of
17,500 a large portion was maintained
by charity. With few industries in

the place, its burghers lived on in-
comes which had their sources else-
where. Ypres was built on a swamp
and supported on piles. It was un-
healthy, and seems fast to have been
losing its former prestige. The more
intelligent Ypresians are reported as
seeing in any attempt to rebuild the
Cloth Hall and the Cathedral a simi-
larity to any suggestion that might
conceive rebuilding the Coliseum and
the Forum in Rome. As Col. Willson
says in his lecture on the salient:
"These ruins are now amongst the
"nobles and most sacred in Europe."
They took a century for a city of
200,000 souls to build. How is the
"new village of Ypres to rebuild
them? Where is the money to come
from? Can it be thought possible that
"British and French pilgrims would
"contribute funds to efface any memo-
rials, with their sacred associations,
"in order to raise cheap modern imi-
tations in their stead? However,
the rebuilding of Ypres is a matter
which must be left settled by the
Belgians. Should they decide to do
so, Col. Willson says he hopes that
the historic Grand Place may be left
untouched. But it is understood that
the Cloth Hall and the Cathedral are
not to be touched in their ruined
state, and if cheap restaurants and
establishments are to be allowed to sprout
all over the central site, the reproach
will be Belgium's. The French are
said to feel this way. The Allies
would not have desecrated by mis-
erable cafes and cabarets a spot in the
salient of which a quarter million
brave men laid down their lives.
Enough sacrifice will be done within
its precincts by the millions of gaping
tourists and forgetful sightseers who
will go there, without funds being
subsidized to have it turned into a
vulgar and noisy country fair.

MORAL REFORM MAKES STRANGE
BED-FELLOWS.

Toronto Saturday Night: "It is an
old adage that politics make strange
"bed-fellows, and so apparently does
the vaunted cause of 'moral reform'.
"Hon. W. E. Ransay's recent exposure
of the Citizens' Liberty League had
an unexpected reaction in that it
led to a revelation of the close and
friendly relations between that
gentleman and Mr. Abraham Orpen.
"The latter has never been at pains
to deny that he made his fortune as
a professional gambler. He is also
the proprietor of the Dufferin Race
"Track, Toronto, a 'merry-go-round'
which exists for gambling purposes
only, and which all lovers of clean
horse racing have been desirous to
close up.
"Because of his singularly astute
and interesting personality, Mr.
Orpen has for many years past been
a powerful unseen force in Toronto
politics; but it will be a surprise to
many to learn that one of his pals
is the present Attorney-General, a
gentleman who has made moral re-
form his specialty for the past num-
ber of a century. It appears that
they hunted in couples in the recent
race track investigation, and that
most of the shots that Mr. Ransay
fired at distinguished gentlemen who
hold stock in the better order of
race tracks, were moulded by Mr.
Orpen. The real offence of these
gentlemen in Mr. Orpen's eyes is
that they have tried to rid horse
racing of its most objectionable and
parasitical element, the professional
bookmaker, and to substitute the
"partial-mutual betting machine, which
eliminates the 'fixed' race and as-
sures the public of a square deal.
"Since Mr. Orpen has long been the
King of bookmakers, his resentment
was natural; and it speaks volumes
for his skill in pursuing his own ends
that he should have found an ally
in the 'white-haired' 'joy' of moral
reform, Hon. W. E. Ransay."

News of the election of Herbert H.
Asquith to the British House of Com-
mons will be received with pleasure
by Liberals and Unionists alike. Mr.
Asquith, as leader of the Government
of five years ago, may not have been
equal to the responsibility of that day,
when Britain was forced into the war.
He is, however, one of the outstanding
figures in the public life of the
country, and as such his place is in
Parliament.

SKUNK FUR THE
FEATURE AT SALE

New York, Feb. 24.—The purchasing
of skunk fur for export to Germany
was a feature of the fur auction to-
day. Good prices were obtained for this
fur, but they were not given out, be-
cause the collection had not been dis-
posed of so heavy was the day's sales
schedules. Nutria also had to be held
over until tomorrow when it and
other of the skins will be sold. Wolf-
grain brought the highest price of the
day, when the choicest skins sold for
forty-six dollars each. The best gray
fox reached six dollars and a half.
Compared with average prices obtain-
ed at the fall sale of fur auction sales,
wolverine advanced thirty per cent.
Despite the uncompleted sales sched-
ule the day's sales reached one million
four hundred and thirty dollars. Grand
total to date is nine million two hun-
dred and eighty thousand dollars.

PERSONAL.

W. M. Robinson, of St. John, is a
guest at the Queen Hotel.
W. H. McQuade, of St. John, provin-
cial tax inspector, is a guest at the
Queen Hotel.

MAN PERISHED IN
SEVERE BLIZZARD

Louis Michaud Was on His Way
Home from Caribou Where
He Hauled Potatoes.

Louis Michaud, a former resident of
Madawaska county, perished in the
recent blizzard which buried the coun-
try districts on both sides of the upper
St. John river. Michaud, who was a
farmer of Caswell plantation, had been
to Caribou with a load of potatoes,
and was caught on his way home by
the heavy storm. A day or two later
George Watson, another farmer, no-
ticed a pair of horses standing on the
Sawyer road. Although the horses were
perished in the same way. He was
bitten. Upon investigation Watson
found that the horses belonged to
Michaud and with the aid of a neigh-
bor went in search of the owner.
J. V. Albert, a farmer and potato
dealer living near Caribou, almost
perished in the same way. He was
caught on the road, and his horse be-
came exhausted when he luckily stop-
ped near the home of another farmer,
where he obtained shelter.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Augusta Evans Jonah.

The death of Mrs. Augusta Evans
Jonah occurred on Saturday morning,
Feb. 24, at the Maine Eye and Ear
Infirmary, Portland, Me., after a brief
illness of influenza followed by pneu-
monia. Mrs. Jonah was the widow of
Dr. Horace V. Jonah of Eastport, Me.,
whose death occurred about seven
months ago. Mrs. Jonah was born at
St. John, Feb. 25.—The death of a
well-known and popular young man,
George L. A. Wellsford, aged 27 years,
occurred yesterday at his home, 50
High street, after illness of about a
week from pneumonia. He is survived
by his wife and a small child. He
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John A. Campbell.

Ripples, Feb. 24.—John A. Campbell,
a lifelong resident of Ripples, N. B.,
passed away at 3 o'clock, when, in
St. John, Feb. 12, after an illness of only
three days, from stomach trouble.
He is survived by his widow, two
sons and three daughters. The fun-
eral services were conducted at the
house and grave by Rev. J. W. Tupper,
and were largely attended, considering
the condition of the roads. Interment
was made in the family lot at Ripples.

George Franklin Smye.

Alma, N. B., Feb. 24.—George Frank-
lin Smye, aged 28 years, son of Ap-
tructor A. E. and Mrs. Smye, passed
away on the evening of the 19th inst.,
at the home of his parents, in St. John,
after an illness of five months with
tuberculosis of the lungs.

WEDDINGS.

Wheelock-Grimmer.

St. John, Feb. 25.—A quiet wedding
of wide social interest took place yes-
terday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when, in
St. Andrew's Church, Rev. F. S. Dow-
ling united in marriage Geoffrey M.
Wheelock, of Shanghai, China, and
Miss Lois Hazen Grimmer, daughter
of Mr. Justice and Mrs. W. C. H. Grim-
mer of this city. The bride, who was
attended by a smart brown tra-
velling costume, and carried a great
bouquet of violets. She was given
away by her father.
Mr. and Mrs. Wheelock left in the
evening train for Boston. They will
make an extended wedding tour in the
United States, returning here in April
and sailing in May for Shanghai,
where Mr. Wheelock has extensive
business interests. The bride has been
a great social favorite in St. John and
during the war was most active in pa-
triotic work.

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The Stock Market

(Associated Press by Telex Wire.)
New York (Wall Street), Feb. 25.
Selling of speculative issues was
promptly resumed at the opening of
today's stock market, prospects of
higher money rates being a factor in
the further reaction. Losses of one
to five points accompanied initial offer-
ings of steels, equipments, motors and
shipings, rails and metals yielding
more moderately. The weaker fea-
tures included Republic, Lackawanna
and Crucible steels, Chandler and Gen-
eral Motors, Mexican and Pan-Amer-
ican petroleum, Atlantic Gulf and
Utah copper. Specialties of various
descriptions, notably American wool-
len, Endicott-Johnson and Industrial
Alcohol, also broke sharply.

The Quotations.

By private wire to J. M. Robinson &
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New York, Feb. 25.—The market
quotations today are:

American Sugar	125 1/2
American Steel Foundries	113 1/2
American Car Foundry	113 1/2
American Can	113 1/2
American Locomotive	113 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	113 1/2
American Wool	113 1/2
Ansoconda	113 1/2
Bethel Steel B.	113 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	113 1/2
Canadian Pacific	113 1/2
Crucible	113 1/2
Central Leather	113 1/2
China Copper	113 1/2
Dutch	113 1/2
Erie	113 1/2
Great Northern preferred	113 1/2
Great Northern One	113 1/2
Industrial Alcohol	113 1/2
Kennecott Copper	113 1/2
Lackawanna	113 1/2
Marine Petroleum	113 1/2
Mexican Petroleum	113 1/2
Norfolk	113 1/2
Norfolk Southern	113 1/2
Norfolk Western	113 1/2
Pennsylvania	113 1/2
Pan American Oil	113 1/2
Republic Iron & Steel	113 1/2
Rubber	113 1/2
Rock Island	113 1/2
Southern Railway	113 1/2
Southern Pacific	113 1/2
United States Steel	113 1/2
Union Pacific	113 1/2
Wabash	113 1/2
Wells Fargo	113 1/2
Western Union	113 1/2
Yankee	113 1/2

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