

A Glance at Life in Great Britain--Happenings in England, Ireland and Scotland Briefly Chronicled

ENGLAND

COSTLY VASES

Two Chinese Vases of Kang He Period Sold for \$3,200.

At Christie's at the sale of the art collection of the late Mr. Abel Buckley, of Ryecroft, Aldersham, 640 guineas was paid for a pair of powdered blue Chinese vases of the Kang He period.

A New Zealand youth, Arthur Alexander, a native of Dunedin, has won the Stenale Bennett Scholarship of the Royal Academy, Music (piano-forte and composition).

As an act of clemency on the accession of the King, the board of directors announced on Tuesday that they had decided to return at once the certificate of officers in the mercantile marine which had been suspended for acts of professional default.

There was placed on sale on Monday at Covent Garden a shipment of black grapes from Western Australia—the first seen in this country. The market value was 15s per box containing 27 pounds; whilst English black grapes realized from 1s 6d to 4s 6d per pound.

A rashment has been caused at Rolleston, Burton-on-Trent, by an intimation from Sir Oswald Mosley, the patron of the living, that he intends to enforce his rights as the Mosley side of the parish church, and close the pews whenever he likes.

When a 3-year-old boy named Harold Peace fell into deep water on Monday at the Old Sally Port, Portsmouth, his 20-year-old brother dived after him with all his clothes on and brought him safely to the steps.

By one vote the Scalcoates (Yorkshire) Guardians decided on Tuesday to abolish stone-breaking by casuals. The Rev. R. M. Kedward declared that he thought it impossible for men with the ordinary principles of humanity to sanction such treatments as he had observed.

For causing annoyance in a Middleton court by falling asleep and snoring too vigorously during the proceedings an old-age pensioner named Collins was arrested and fined half-a-crown.

When Queen Victoria ascended the throne her subjects numbered 156,000,000; when she died the figures were about 400,000,000.

In a letter accompanying a check for £25, which he sent in aid of the Whitehaven colliery disaster fund, Mr. Harry Lauder remarks: "I never forget my ten years' boyhood."

King Edward was only known to sit in public once, and that occasion was only semi-public, so to speak, for it was on the occasion of some particular function in his undergraduate days.

Nominated for election as urban councillors for the parishes of Mallow and Corris, near Aberystwyth, Mr. John Davies and Mr. William Hughes, both died before the day of the poll.

"SPURGEON'S POPLAR"

Historic Tree on Clapham Common is in a Precarious Condition.

"Spurgeon's Poplar," a tree on Clapham Common, is now in a precarious condition. During a thunderstorm 50 years ago a gusty wind blew down its trunk and its branches were struck down, and on the following Sunday Mr. Spurgeon preached on the spot and collected a substantial sum for the victim's family.

The Duke of Sutherland's gardens at Trentham are shortly to be opened as a pleasure resort. Several tennis courts, a croquet lawn, and a bowling green are in course of preparation, and one of the large conservatories is being fitted up as a tea-room. A band will play in the gardens.

It was stated at a Mansion House meeting on Monday that although the London County Council had 40 cricketers, on which 10,000 cricketers played every Saturday, the applications exceeded the accommodation by 50 per cent, while for football pitches the applications exceeded the accommodation by 100 per cent.

A young lady who arrived at Dulverton, in Somerset, and went on by cab to Simonsbath disappeared after having tea at an hotel there. Two days later she was found dead in a moorland dyke, with a bottle containing poison in her pocket. Her hair had been cut off and all laundry marks removed from her clothing.

Since Dr. Cooper's maintenance was found in 1888 the public have subscribed towards his maintenance £4,227,896 (\$21,139,480), and the number of children dead with has totalled 70,436. At the age of 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0 boys and girls were under the care of the association.

The county licensing committee has transferred the license of the Ship Inn, Pakefield, to another site as owing to the encroachment of the sea the house is in an unsafe position. In 19 years the waves have claimed 156 feet of the cliff, and the inn itself is now only a few feet from the edge of the cliff and is in a perilous position.

Mr. Alfred Nutt, a well-known London publisher, was drowned at Melun, France, while trying to save his son, who, with the vehicle in which he was seated, had been drawn into the Seine by a runaway horse.

Queen Alexandra has lived in England for 47 years, during which time she has received countless tokens of love and affection, especially in her recent sorrow, shared as she truly knows it, by the nation. Her majesty will ever look upon Great Britain as her home.

The amateur golf championship of Great Britain was played at Hoylake by the veteran, John Ball, who defeated C. Aylmer, 10 up and 9 to play. It is the seventh time that Ball has won the title. Both of the finalists were Englishmen, the tournament proving a veritable flood for the Scotchmen.

Alarm was occasioned in a house at Culmington, Devon, by a viper 3 feet long wriggling out of a log of wood in which it had been sleeping.

A statue of Dr. Johnson has been erected at St. Clement Danes Church, in the Strand, London, and was unveiled on May 7 by Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll.

During 1909 the deaths of 34 centenarians were recorded in Great Britain, 15 of them taking place in England, 12 in Ireland, 6 in Scotland, and 1 in the Isle of Man.

Mr. Edward J. George, who has won the part of Jalkin in "The Sil-

ver King" 6,000 times during the past twenty-six years, has celebrated his seventieth birthday by signing a contract to appear in the part for another long period.

Lord Robert Cecil told a pathetic story at the annual meeting of the Maternity Charity and District Nurses' Home, Plaistow. A man got up at 3 o'clock in the morning, ate a piece of bread, walked from West Ham to Willesden for a day's work, had to wait till the night, worked throughout the night, and got five shillings. Then he walked home, having had nothing to eat since he had left his previous morning. He gave the 5s to his wife, who had to spend 4s 6d on rent.

FATAL FLY-BITE

Man of Seventy-seven Years Dies From Blood-Poisoning, Result of Insect's Bite.

The death of Henry James Blackburn, aged seventy-seven, of Morning Lane, Hackney, was attributed at the inquest to the bite of a housefly. He was admitted to the Hackney Infirmary in a delirious condition, Dr. W. J. Cowell stated. "His face was enormously swollen and inflamed, and he died in great agony. Death was due to acute blood-poisoning. I think a fly or a bluebottle may have fed on some bad meat and then bitten him and poisoned him." A verdict of "Death from blood-poisoning" was returned.

The death has occurred of General Sir Roger Palmer, fifth baronet, at his seat, Cefn Park, Wrexham, North Wales. He was seventy-eight, and one of three officers surviving who rode in the historic charge of the Light Brigade. The other two were Viscount Tedegar and Sir Geo. Wombwell.

It is related of him that on the night before Balaklava he found a sentry sleeping, but instead of putting him under arrest, reprimanded him. Next day, during the historic charge, the sentry saved his life by cleaving the skull of a Russian who was just about to run his sword into Lieut. Palmer's body.

The heroic conduct of Mr. J. J. Tame, of Mapledurham Lock, in extinguishing a fire on the motor launch Maple, was recognized at a meeting of the Thames Conservators. The blazing launch was drifting down stream, unattended, the man in charge having been badly burnt and fallen into the water, when Tame punted to it, and the burning vessel, with the petrol tank, might have exploded along until he could turn off the petrol pipe, which, through a leak, was feeding the flames. He was presented by Lord Desborough (the chairman) with an address of congratulation and a gratuity.

LEPROSY IN LONDON

First Case of the Kind Whitechapel Guardians Have Handled.

Inquiries are being made as to where a case of leprosy in Whitechapel Infirmary can be isolated. This is the first case of the kind that has occurred under the jurisdiction of the Whitechapel Guardians.

Among the wreaths sent to the funeral of Major-General Carnell at the Marlborough House, were two sent by Union Jacks from the servants at his residence at Streatham, and from Mrs. Spalding, 90 years of age, who has been in the service of the family over 70 years.

Mr. J. B. Simpson, coal owner, of Bradley Hall, Wylam-on-Tyne, near Newcastle, has given £10,000 to the Armstrong College, Newcastle, for the purpose of extending the art department there.

Bought for nearly £80,000 thirteen years ago, Collins' Music Hall, at Islington Green, was put to auction at the Marlborough House on Tuesday, but was withdrawn at £16,000. The hall was rebuilt in 1863 by Sam Collins, a noted singer of Irish character songs.

A wedding at St. Leonard's, the bridegroom, the bride's brother, and best man, were all dead and dumb. Hearing by telephone that a burial was being held under a big tree, the police hastened to a Crowborough house, but when they entered the burlar was only a roll of matting.

Several hundred lads were on the deck of a training ship Southampton, when the barque Elin collided with it, in the Humber, but there was no panic though the impact had been very violent. The lads immediately jumped overboard, and then at the word of command marched below.

Dr. John Cooper, London's oldest doctor, has died at his residence at 30, St. James's Place, at the age of 98 years. Dr. Cooper practiced for many years at Clapham, where he was chief medical officer to the local general dispensary.

The death occurred at Hastings of Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, aged 90 years, who was said to be the first lady doctor. She was born at Bristol and graduated at New York in 1849.

Of 38 notices of death which appeared in a recent issue of the Times, 29 were those of persons of 69 years and over, the aggregate being 78.5 years. One was 101 years old, three were between 90 and 100, nine between 80 and 90 and seven between 69 and 80.

While a man named Holdway was walking under the trees at the Grove, West Dean, Chichester, he was attacked by an owl, which flew at him and dug its talons in his chest. It was found that an owl had fallen out of a nest in one of the trees.

OPIUM FOR BABIES

London Doctor Tells How Some People Drug Their Little Ones.

At the annual meeting of the National Society of Day Nurseries in London, Dr. Douglas, speaking of the value of creches, said he had known of cases where tincture of opium had been deliberately given to children in order that they might give a little trouble to people who were looking after them while the mothers were at work.

The late King possessed no fewer than one hundred uniforms, as his majesty was always most careful to appear in whatever dress was appropriate to any special occasion. They occupied a vast space at Buckingham Palace, and were in charge of valets, three of whom were especially appointed for this duty. He was never what might be called a rich man, and the amount of personality at his disposal is considerably less than that of Queen Victoria. It is under-

stood that his majesty leaves the bulk of his possessions solely to Queen Alexandra.

The King's birthday will be officially observed on June 3.

It was twelve years on May 19 since Mr. W. E. Gladstone died.

Fifty-seven unmarried people committed suicide to only 43 married.

The Whitehaven disaster relief fund now amounts to £23,000.

Barton Manor, Isle of Wight, is likely to become a permanent royal residence.

The British flag flies over nearly one-half of the entire shipping tonnage of the world.

Grey is the fashionable mourning color in stationery—gray with a thin, black edging.

The 652 registered trade unions of Great Britain have a total membership of 1,973,566.

The old Whitenside ceremony of throwing dice for six Bibles was celebrated at St. Ives.

No woman ever received the freedom of the city of London except Miss Florence Nightingale.

Great Britain has the honor of having first formed societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

At the beginning of the year there was more than £160,000,000 deposited in the Postoffice Savings Bank.

The British crown weighs 3.12 pounds, contains 2,783 diamonds, 17 rubies, 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds and 227 pearls.

An English doctor has expressed the belief that the use of preservatives is responsible for the spread of appendicitis.

The Countess Tanowska, who has just been sentenced to a term of eight years and five months' imprisonment, for her complicity in the murder of Count Paul Kamowski, is an Irish woman by birth, having been Miss Mary O'Rourke before her marriage with Count Tanowska.

A London distillery, giving employment to more than 200 persons, is to be closed on the 1st of July.

The death was announced on the 16th of May of the Rev. Canon William Hanna Bradley, rector of Monaghan.

Representatives of the All-Ireland political union were present at the All-Ireland meeting, which was recently held in Dublin to consider the action of the Cunard Company in withdrawing their fast steamers from Queenstown.

During a thunderstorm in the Forney district a man was struck by lightning while taking shelter under a bush, and was killed.

Lady Thompson, the wife of Sir William Thompson, registrar-general for Ireland, was killed while attempting to alight from a tramcar in motion at Salthill. She boarded the tramway car at Kingstown, and when nearing the Salthill Hotel tried to alight without having the car stopped, with the result that she fell, sustaining a compound fracture of the skull.

The half-yearly report on the banking statistics of Ireland shows a considerable increase in cash balances and deposits for the year 1909 over the preceding year. In December, 1909, the deposits and cash balances in the joint stock banks stood at £53,025,000 (exclusive of nearly £3,000,000 Government and public balances in the Bank of Ireland), being an increase of nearly a million over the year 1908. The estimated balances in the postoffice savings banks show an increase of over half a million, and the number of depositors at the end of the year was 1,200,000.

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The Roscommon county council has agreed to levy a penny rate for the purpose of encouraging the teaching of the Irish language in the new university.

The West Clare coroner recently held an inquest close to Corracore on the old pensioner John Bette, who died in a miserable hovel, and in whose clothes a sum of £100 in notes and gold, and a deposit receipt for £200, were found sewn up.

Miss Marie Maguire, a trawler's daughter, who has not yet reached her eighteenth year, has secured a senior Oxford certificate or free college course for passing with distinction in arithmetic, religious history, geography, mathematics and English.

IRELAND'S EXODUS

Over 4,000,000 Natives Have Left the Green Isle Since 1851.

The Archbishop of Dublin states that 80,000 members of the "exodus" temperance movement have been enrolled.

Since 1851 more than four million natives of Ireland have emigrated. The number of emigrants last year was slightly below the average.

The congested districts board have purchased the five holdings of land Mr. Cunningham was offering for sale at Newnam, convenient to Castlebar.

The North Down Unionist Association has selected Mitchell Thomson, of Edinburgh, Scotland, as a candidate to succeed the late Mr. T. L. Corbett, M.P.

Among those whose works were exhibited at the Industrial Art Exhibition at Venice is John Lavery, the well-known artist, whose birthplace is Belfast.

design, 1885-7, a silver medal and life annuity were awarded to Edward Supple, Reeve's Path, Limerick.

So great has the wave of temperance been in the West of Fermanagh that 300 of the boys resident in the Marquis and Holywell district have taken the total abstinence pledge.

A familiar figure in Belfast for many years has been Canon Charles Smith, of the St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church whose death, after a brief illness, is announced.

Mr. J. H. McDonnell, youngest son of Dr. Charles McDonnell, J. P., Eastwood, Ulster, has been appointed solicitor for Lettbridge, Alberta, Canada. There were 75 candidates for the position.

A magnificent Reeves pheasant (a species introduced from China) with a tall five feet in length, was shot in the Marquis of Ormonde's woods in Kilkenny, and has been presented to the National Museum.

STRANGE PHENOMENON

Mysterious Lights Witnessed on Bright Hills Near Downpatrick.

An extraordinary phenomenon has lately been witnessed on the Bright Hills, near Downpatrick, where strange lights appear every night and travel in all directions. These lights, which were first seen in a field in Ballygilbert, a mile and a half from the town, have been about for an hour or so, they meet, and dissolve in a shower of sparks. Hundreds of persons gather to witness this extraordinary phenomenon, which, so far, has not been explained.

A sad fatality occurred at Dublin, recently, the victim being Miss Mary Hughes, a nursemaid in the household of Sir George Meyers. Her employer, at the request that he and his daughter were in the drawing-room, when they heard shrieks, and the girl came running upstairs, a mass of flames. The flames were extinguished, but the girl was so badly injured that she must have dropped unexhausted on the floor, for when she knelt down to say a prayer, she found her hands clasped in death.

The Galway County Council have decided not to seek to recover the arrears of rates due by the Arran Islanders, on the understanding that the islanders pay their rates promptly in future.

At Belfast police court recently a seventy-year-old woman said: "For the loving memory of our late King, I will never come before you again." The magistrate gave her the chance.

A sensation was caused in one of the most crowded streets of Drogheda, one afternoon, when a woman, wearing a white dress, fell from the front window of her home on to the street, a distance of 35 feet. In her fall she struck the signboard over a shop, and then fell to the pathway on her head. She was removed to a hospital in a precarious condition.

Prof. Robert Barkle, analyst to Belfast Corporation, and the majority of the county councils in Ulster, died of heart disease.

William O'Brien has written to the Times a spirited protest against the attitude taken up by the Nationalists in the memory of our late King. He shows that in the South of Ireland unanimous resolutions expressing deep sympathy, were everywhere passed, and that the efforts made by the King to improve the lot of the poor countries, will always be held in grateful remembrance.

The suicide of a young private soldier named Maroney created some sensation, the affair following a quarrel with a superior officer, and the soldier's death was a result of a quarrel with a superior officer.

It is rumored that a meeting is to take place between ex-President Roosevelt and Sir Horace Plunkett, the Irish agricultural expert, in connection with the scheme in operation under the department of agriculture and technical education in Ireland. Rumor also has it that Sir Horace has offered a post in America and that he will accept it.

SCOTLAND

GLASGOW JEWS

Census Gives the Ghetto in Glasgow a Population of Ten Thousand.

Last year 1,152 patients were treated in the Glasgow Dental Hospital.

A census of Glasgow's Ghetto puts the number of Jews dwelling there at about 10,000.

remarked a "Jockey" on the 10th ult. "who fented in the crowd at the proclamation in George Square, an' was carried out to the municipal buildings among a' the toffs, an' got champagne an' a new hat."

Mr. Alber Kahn, banker, Paris, is establishing in the university here two annual fellowships, each of the value of £800 for enabling selected teachers and investigators to travel in foreign countries for at least one year.

At Newark Drive, Pollokshields, on 16th ult, died the Rev. George Gladstone, aged 67.

The West of Scotland Agriculture College has arranged for 14 forestry excursions this summer.

There died in Glasgow on the 14th ult. Rev. Dr. Wm. Adamson, the late chairman of the Congregational Union of Scotland, He was 80th year.

The Glasgow Corporation has bought for £14,500 certain tenement properties adjoining the Institute of Fine Arts, and now own the whole block of buildings from the frontage in Sauchiehall street to Renfrew street.

Mr. James Coats, Paisley, has given to each scholar in Grantown Grammar School a bag, and to each of the teachers a handsome present.

The Duke and Duchess of Hamilton have offered to erect a nurse's home, with a ward for emergency cases, which will benefit the Boones, Carriens and Kinnell district.

The Aberdeen University authorities have acquired, at the price of £4,000, a set of John Blaikie & Sons' brass founders, Littlejohn street. It adorns Marischal College, and has been purchased with the view to university extensions.

A Berwick policeman has hatched

four eggs in a kitchen oven. The eggs were placed in a biscuit tin, and the incubation was successful, the chickens being quite healthy.

The old border stronghold, Fort Castle, which was built about 1287, and was purchased recently from the Marquis of Waterford by Lord Joicey, has been much beautified by its new owner.

EARTH TREMORS

Three Distinct Shocks Felt at Bridge of Allan Recently.

On the 20th of May three distinct shocks of earthquake were felt at bridge of Allan.

The late Rev. George Gladstone was well known and popular in Port-Glasgow, especially in temperance circles. His new erections last year were: Dwellings, £14,600; business premises (including £6,000 for Low Green pavilion), £20,915; alterations, £6,793; minor warrants, £2,425.

Patrick Joseph Dempsey, aged 56, a printer, died at Heywood on the 20th of May, from heart disease, caused by the excessive heat.

The silver tankard presented by the King Edward for competition among the golfers at Biarritz, has been won by Mr. M. P. Thorburn, Glenormiston.

Scottish oil companies complain that they have lost £250,000 through reduced prices caused by foreign competition.

A postcard which was six years ago in Galashiels has just been delivered in Selkirk, six miles away. It has been through Africa, India and Australia.

It is alleged that some farmers in the West of Scotland regularly purchase Irish eggs in large quantities, take them to their farms, where they wash and clean them, and then resell them in Glasgow as "country" eggs at an increased price of 2d or 3d a dozen.

ROOM IN GLASGOW

Eighteen Thousand Empty Houses in The City by the Clyde.

There are now said to be eighteen thousand empty houses in Glasgow.

Glasgow parish council have fewer sick fathers on their relief roll than any other parish council in Scotland.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland have acquired a site for new grand lodge headquarters at a cost of £10,000.

On the 23rd of May at Glasgow the Art Union prizes, value £3,200, were distributed. The first prize of £2,000 was won by Mr. J. W. Orr, Glasgow.

Glasgow Choral and Orchestral Union concerts were a failure last year to the tune of £1,208, and the guarantors have been called on to stump up 1s in the pound.

A well-known temperance advocate in the west of Scotland, Mr. Robert Hillhouse, died at Dumbarton, Cathcart, aged 76. He was a native of Kilmarnock.

During April 11,211 passengers left the Clyde for places out of Europe. For the four months ending April 30, 22,057 left, 11,564 being for the United States and 10,493 for British North America.

Robert Dalrymple, a boy scout, has been presented with a silver watch by the Carnegie hero trust for saving a boy from drowning. He already possesses a boy's brigade cross for heroism, and a boy scouts' Maltese cross.

Mr. Wm. Peattie died suddenly at his residence, Dunedin, Melkiorrigs, Paisley, in his 78th year. He was educated at George Heriot's Institution, and for 50 years carried on business in Paisley. He was the originator of the famous Glen National Society, of which a statue to Tannabill was unveiled in the Abbey Grounds in 1882.

Leith parish council have sold for £1,600 a portion of the site of the old poorhouse at Grange Junction, where the school board proposes to erect new offices.

A large part of the provisioning of the British Antarctic expedition, to be storied under Captain Scott, is to consist of Scotch mutton.

Following on an outbreak of swine fever at Sheuchan piggeries he board of agriculture ordered he slaughter of the whole herd, numbering over 200.

The Scotch National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children dealt during the past year with 7,514 cases, involving the welfare of 22,124 children.

monument erected at Edinburgh, on the mound, to the officers and men who fell in the South African war was unveiled without ceremony owing to the death of King Edward.

The death of Mr. John Hutchison, the sculptor, rector of the oldest member of the Royal Scottish Academy, and also the remaining personal link which connected the Scottish art of today with the Scottish art of 50 years ago.

EGGS FROM RUSSIA

Very Large Quantities Find Their Way to Dundee.

The purchaser of some clothes at a jumble sale at Coldstream on turning out the pockets discovered a couple of 25 notes and a 21 note.

Isaac Farrell (21), Dumfries, took a tramp while bathing in the Nith and sank. He was got out, and after 20 minutes of artificial respiration recovered consciousness.

The late Mr. George Scott, farmer, tenant of seven farms in Berwickshire, once bought 2,240 pounds of turnip seed in one season for one year's sowing.

Dundee Parish Council accounts show a deficit of £2,000.

Lives there a woman with a soul so dead, Who does not want nice hair on her head?

Certainly not! Every woman admires beautiful hair and wants it. Every woman can have nice hair. Not the kind that may be purchased at the store, but real live hair growing on her own head. There is nothing quite as handsome as a nice head of natural, fluffy hair.

NEWBRO'S HERPICIDE MAKES THAT KIND OF HAIR

It is no trouble to have nice hair. If not interfered with the hair will grow long and luxuriantly. The most destructive and most prevalent form of hair trouble is dandruff.

Herpicide kills the germ which causes this annoying accumulation keeps the scalp clean and prevents the hair from falling out. This allows the follicles not already atrophied to spring into life, shooting forth from the tiny bulb new healthy hair.

The effect of Newbro's Herpicide is truly marvellous. The terrible itching which characterizes dandruff stops almost with the first application. The hair takes on a shine and lustre, beautiful to look at and indicative of a clean healthy scalp.

This preparation is now recognized as the standard and original remedy which kills