

## Governor Tim Healy.

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Somebody must write a play about Tim Healy. The nearest it gets to the events of a peach of a year is the more or less play would be to do him a justice to. It is not to be done for the screen it might begin with Tim Healy, K.C., M.P., sitting in the Liberal Club to which he belonged because he was really a Liberal, even when the Celtic Jews were supposed to have no dealings with the Saxon Saxons. One frequently found him there alone, saying nothing to anybody, and nobody saying anything to him. At odd times he would be seen, and then he would be a good-time fellow. The scenario will be with Tim Healy's posing up the smoking room and telling some of the scenes he has seen in; and then the scenes will appear.

Healy left school at thirteen, and four years was boy-in-general in the warehouses in Dublin and Manchester. He learned shorthand, and at seventeen to twenty-three was a clerk on the Northeastern Railway in Newcastle-on-Tyne. He began to write for the Nation, D. Sullivan's Dublin paper, "The Save Ireland" sent him to London. Parnell was then in process of supplanting mild constitutional ineffective Isaac Butt as the main force among the Home Rulers. To Healy's letter in the Nation soon learned to look for the little gospel.

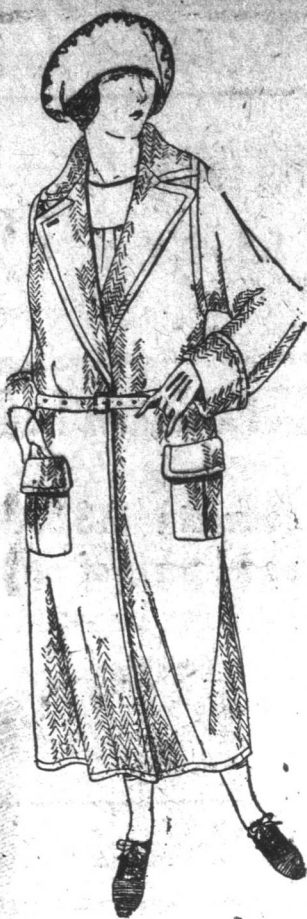
Bunchback Biggar was the orator of parliamentary obstruction, much to Butt's dislike, and more Parnell's delight. The Freeman's small attacked Parnell, who saw in the mortal letters, the letter written by Tim Healy. The Land was formed, and on January 1890, Parnell and Dillon began a tour on this continent. Parnell soon left for Healy, who was more successful than himself. In March Parnell was dissolved. After the election for which the Home Rulers only a thousand pounds Parnell, a narrow majority. He made Healy secretary. A seat for Westford was to Healy as a matter of course Parnell was a dictator. Lots of people heard of and felt the influence Parnell's secretary, but the public did not know his name until in a speech in Manchester, after the Land Act of 1903, speaking from memory Mr. Parnell referred to "a young man, a very able man, Mr. Healy," and ended all hope of obscurity for

Healy. Other commentators have noted that to-day's governor went to jail three months during the period, if you were an Irish M.P., you hadn't been imprisoned, you were either an Ulsterian or an agent. But the first time he was mentioned the jury acquitted him. The Whitechapel were an illegal organization. Healy was one of them. In October, 1890, he was tried, and, nominally for being a Whitechapel, but really because he had made a speech in the market square of his town in defence of a family he found living on the seashore in a room that had been evicted from a farm when the rent increased from £65 to £100, because of the improvement in themselves had made.

All this may be mighty interesting, but the history of the Governor of the Irish Free State. There is the love story that alone makes the modern drama pay. The story, of course, is Kitty O'Shea. He could read Mrs. Parnell's letter on her husband without sadly saying guilty love may be real. He was quite content to lose the world. She was headless of consequences in her love for him. When Healy talked about the most romantic romance of modern times, he never concealed the truth. In the early days of his service Parnell the intrigue with Mrs. O'Shea was commonly supposed. Old Parnell openly denounced the girl, and when, in 1896, Parnell's Captain O'Shea, P. O'Donnell's way sea, there was a terrible row. Parnell publicly denounced the wicked O'Shea, on the other hand, there was any truth in the story Parnell induced the Government to keep the Galway post-office out of one Saturday night while telegrams to Biggar implored him to change his attitude. Secretly, Healy, now barrister Healy, was to Parnell. "Kitty O'Shea will ruin you." Healy induced him to go to "The O'Sheas will be ruined."

When the Times launched "Parnell and Crime," and the cruel

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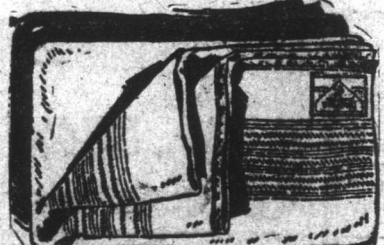
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A great lawyer, a unique debater, with a scorpion's tongue, a vehement Irishman in politics and patriotism, Healy made beginning at the bar and enemies as well as friends among his own co-workers. He was once expelled from the Nationalist party, after the re-union with the Parnellites with the Parnellite John Redmond as leader. For several years he was a united party of one; and then he was invited back. He is nearer seventy than sixty. He has lived to see a different sort of Home Rule from what he fought for. If he had been told, years ago, that he would be what he is to-day, he would have laughed his silliest, bitterest laugh. Still, he long ago learned to expect the unexpected—"The Spotlight" in the Toronto Star.

## The Bank's Nickname.

A curious explanation of the Bank of England's nickname was given in a story told by Sir William Treloar.

In the early part of last century there were several people in the City who were famous for their curious attire, and each had his or her nickname. For instance, there were the "Green Man" and the "Lady in Black."

There was also the "White Lady of Threadneedle Street," who was a regular visitor to the Bank of England. She was the sister of a poor young clerk who had forged the signature to a transfer warrant. For this crime he was hanged in 1809. His sister was a needleworker for an army contractor, and lived with an old aunt and her brother in the City.

Her mind became affected at her brother's disgraceful death, and every day afterwards she would go to the Bank and walk up to the pay counter. "Is my brother, Mr. Frederick, here to-day?" she would ask, and the inevitable answer was: "No, miss, not to-day." She never stayed more than five minutes, and invariably her last words were: "Give my love to him when he returns. I will call to-morrow."

In time the nickname became transferred from the old lady to the Bank itself, and as the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street it has since been known.

## When Washing Up.

No one enjoys cleaning out greasy washing-up basins, still less greasy sinks, and the constant use of washing soda will destroy the colors in your dinner service as well as play havoc with your hands.

Save all the pieces of wrapping paper and newspapers, and if these are used to rub over dinner plates before they are put into hot water, then a little soap is all that is needed for clear shiny china to result.

If casseroles, pans, etc., are rubbed over before the grease has set, the after wash is a simple affair. I never wash my frying-pans, whether for fish, meat, or omelettes. These are cleaned while still hot with white wrapping-paper, and each slipped into its own paper bag, ready for use next time. It only takes a minute. It is not advisable to use newspapers for these, as the heat brings the printing ink out of the paper.

Only use newspapers for articles that will afterwards be washed in soapy water. All these pieces of greasy paper are dropped into a box and are used for fire-lighting.

## Launched German Liner.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A new Hamburg-American liner, the Albert Ballin, scheduled to enter service between the German city and New York in May, was launched at Hamburg yesterday, said a cablegram received by the United American line agents of the concern in this country. The Deutschland, a sister ship of the Albert Ballin, is now under construction at Hamburg and is expected to be completed in 1923.

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The delegates at the missionary meeting could see the mountains of Tibet. It is several weeks' journey from Shanghai and there are no railroads in that region. The Tschow territory lies in the heart of China's wealthiest province, Szechuen, with 60,000,000 inhabitants.

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