

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

ENGLAND

CHESHIRE CHEESE.

Trainload Valued at \$12,500 Shipped by a Bradford Firm.

At the annual meeting of the Royal Institution of Cornwall, at Truro, it was reported that the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, had sanctioned a donation of £210 from the duchy revenues towards the building of the projected new museum.

One of the best known men in North Wales has lately died in the person of Mr. Edwin Jones, familiar to thousands of English visitors as the "Coaching King." Starting at Colwyn Bay about 30 years ago with one horse and a cab, he became the pioneer of stage-coaching in North Wales, and amassed a fortune. He was very proud of a whip presented to him by Queen Alexandra.

A special train of 20 wagons, containing 1,236 large cheese, and weighing 33 tons, was dispatched by a single firm of cheese factors of Broxtown, Chester, to a single Yorkshire business firm at Bradford, with branches at Leeds, Wakefield and Halifax, for their Christmas market. The value of the consignment was £2,500.

At the meeting of the Tavistock, Devonshire, Urban Council, the chairman mentioned that William C. Fishwick, aged 14, son of a local constable, had in August saved the life of A. E. Edwards, a young man, in danger of drowning in the river Tavy. The Royal Humane Society had sent down their testimonial on vellum, and this the chairman presented to the young rescuer.

At the meeting of the Okhampton Board of Guardians the master reported the plucky action of a casual named George Williams, who jumped into the River Thames at great risk of losing his own life and saved a woman from drowning. At the chairman's suggestion a collection was made among the members, and Williams was presented with a gift of money. It was also agreed to bring the fact before the notice of the Royal Humane Society and to take steps to provide Williams with work.

THE SAILOR'S FRIEND.

Cardiff Man Gives \$15,000 to the Millford Haven "Rest."

The oldest woman in the county, Mrs. Sarah Hickling, has just died at Wheatons, Northolt, at the age of 105. Two men, to whom 58 burglaries were traced, were sentenced to seven years' penal servitude at the Liverpool assizes.

Sixteen men were required to carry the coffin of John Richards, of Merthyr-Tydvil. Richards weighed 336 pounds.

Mr. John Cory, of Cardiff, has presented \$5,000 to Millford Haven Sailors' Rest, Pembroke-shire, bringing his total contributions up to \$15,000.

Mistake arising from France at Covent Garden cost \$3.60 a crate. A portrait of the great Duke of Wellington, by Lawrence, which was offered for sale by order of the trustees of the Peel estates, was sold for £2,100 in London.

Suffocation caused by an abscess which resulted from a fish bone sticking in her throat, brought about the death of Frances Franklin, aged 48, of Southwark.

More than 1,200 men are unemployed, and applications are daily increasing, stated the mayor of Bristol in appealing to his fellow-citizens for funds to provide work.

Rev. J. H. Jowett visited Stockport recently in connection with the 104th anniversary of the great 18th century Sunday school. This organization is probably the largest of its kind in the world. There are no fewer than 4,300 scholars in attendance. It is under the special patronage of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, and the collections at the anniversary are remarkable. One Sunday they amounted to \$3,600. The building has recently been partially reconstructed, and Mr. Jowett's sermon was delivered in the great new Centenary Hall before a congregation of nearly three thousand persons.

The crew of a modern battleship numbers 800. A portrait of Robert Southey, the poet, was sold for 750 guineas lately. It is announced that the writs for the general election will be issued on Jan. 10.

The Bishop of London believes that the standard of business morality in the city is gloriously high. The late Earl of Sheffield's art collection fetched high prices in London, realizing £16,725.

A lady who died at Deal, aged 79, leaving \$150,000, left notice in her will that her donkey was to be painlessly killed as soon as possible.

The Earl and Countess of Scarborough lately gave at Lumley Castle the first ball held there for over a century. There were about 500 guests present. At the meeting of the senate of the University of London a letter was read from Mr. Otto Beit intimating the gift of £215,000 for the foundation of medical research scholarships.

BIG BID FOR A BOOK
Fifteenth Century Biblical History
Brings \$7,750.

A Biblical history of the fifteenth century, splendidly illuminated, sold for £1,550 at Sotheby's when the sale of the library of the late Mr. Wheeler Smith, of New York, began.

Mr. G. R. Asquith, K.C., the leader of the trade arbitrators, who was prevented by the recent coal trade dispute from attending the christening of his little daughter, was presented by Scottish coal-owners and miners at Edinburgh with a silver porringer and tray for the baby.

A number of original oil paintings and replicas by the late W. P. Frith, R.A., were sold at St. John's Wood, London, lately. The highest price given was £27 for his replica of the Forster portrait of Dickens. For 24 works £142 13s was realized.

The Braintree Board of Guardians reversed their previous decision to disallow the inmates of the workhouse beer with their Christmas dinner, and decided to accept the offer of a firm of brewers to supply the usual quantity gratis.

At Market Bosworth, Mary Tipper, formerly domestic servant at the vicarage, Fenny Drayton, was fined 20s for holding a cat over the fire for about five minutes, burning three of its legs.

The first school for the blind was established in 1791 in Liverpool. Every year for the ten years ending 1904 the blind turned out an average of 4,893,000 farthings. It is estimated

that there are now 48,000,000 farthings in circulation.

The Marquis of Lansdowne has one Scottish, five Irish, and two British titles.

Mr. Balfour is 61 and Mr. Asquith 57, and both are counted young statesmen. Sir John Fisher is approaching the age of 70.

The Cunard Company have decided to give to the new 15,000-ton steamer now building for them on the Tyne the name of Franconia.

George Salting, an eccentric resident of London, left his art treasures, valued at between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 to the British nation.

A disastrous fire broke out on the 2nd inst. at Dabur's Wharfedale timber works, causing damage estimated at from £12,000 to £20,000.

BRITISH CAPITAL.
Huge Total of £658,004,660 Said to be Invested in South America.

The Italian ambassador lately unveiled in the front staircase at Drury Lane Theatre, London, a memorial to Sir Henry Irving, which has been subscribed for by Italian artists. The memorial consists of a laurel wreath in bronze surrounding a bronze medallion portrait, and the whole is mounted on a white marble base.

The new dock at Swansea, which has been constructed at a cost of over £2,000,000, was opened by Sir Griffith Thomas.

An old age pensioner who died the other day at Marlborough was found to have 200 sovereigns concealed in the house in addition to £400 lying at interest in a bank.

The English Football Association has in hand a surplus of over £13,000. About 12,000 persons a year are conveyed to hospitals by the London police.

Sir Alfred Lewis Jones, head of the Elder Dempster Steamship Company, is dead.

The extensive silk mills of Courtland & Co., at Braintree, Essex, were British capital invested in South America, says a consular report, is estimated to reach the huge total of £658,004,660.

The damage to the buildings, machinery and stock is estimated at upwards of £100,000.

If King Edward had not been blessed with a remarkably good constitution he would not be able to undergo such a great amount of travelling and all the strain of London seasons, with the endless calls upon his energy.

Eaton Hall, the seat of the Duke of Westminster, to which the King is shortly going on a visit, is one of the largest houses in England. It is a modern building, was commenced by the present duke's grandfather, and finished by his father.

A striking feature of London street traffic is the facility for swift travel offered by motor cabs. Five years ago there were only two motor cabs plying for hire in London; today there are 4,000.

IRELAND
IRISH RAILWAYS.

Some Talk of the Government Buying and Operating System.

The present political crisis has upset the plans of Coast Erosion Commissioners, who were to be shown on a visit to Ireland to inspect the places affected by the sea, and it is probable that their coming will now be postponed until after the general elections.

The Department of Agriculture is the latest sufferer from cattle driving. The drive took place from lands held by the department, close to Athlone. Though there is a police hut in the field from which the cattle were driven, as yet no trace of the cattle or drivers can be found though the police are actively searching for both.

On December 2 the barometer was lower in Ireland than it has been for six years. The lowest barometer marking at the center of the island was 27.32 inches, one of the lowest ever observed in these islands, being about a tenth of an inch outside the scale of an ordinary aneroid barometer.

An extensive cattle-drive has taken place at Crumree, Co. Galway. Over seventy cattle were driven off the land, which the owner of the beasts holds under lease from Colonel Knox. Ten feet of wall was knocked down to let cattle out. It was some time before the stock was collected at some distance from the farm. Many of the animals were lame and in an exhausted condition.

It is said that the Royal Commission appointed a couple of years ago to enquire into the possibilities of Irish railways has concluded its investigations, and will shortly issue a report. It is believed that the commissioners will recommend the purchase of the Irish Railway System by the state, to be worked as a Government department. It is estimated that Government stock amounting to £58,000,000 would be necessary for the purchase.

The trial of the action brought by Miss Mary McMillan, against Rev. J. O'Toole, P. P., to set aside the will of her brother, the Archbishop of Tuam, has terminated. The plaintiff pleaded that one of the names of the witnesses to the will, which was executed in 1894, was a forgery. The jury found a verdict upholding the will.

A painful situation has been created in Markston in connection with the burial of a cook named Katie Neill, who was employed by Mr. Commissioner Lynch, of the Irish Commission, who she had attended to in her last moments. The girl was doing her work as usual on December 1, when she suddenly complained of pains in her head, and at the same time collapsed, and when Dr. O'Donovan, of Kingston, arrived in a short time, the girl was dead. The police notified the coroner, but said there was no suspicion of foul play, with the result that the coroner fe-

lled that he considered an inquest unnecessary. But when Dr. O'Donovan was asked for a death certificate, he refused it, as he said he had not seen the girl alive, and he could not positively state the cause of death without making a post-mortem examination. So that the body lies at Longfield Terrace, with a doubt as to whether it can be legally buried.

A luncheon was recently given at the Grosvenor Hotel, Dublin, by the Corinthian Club in honor of Sir Ernest Shackleton. The president, Sir Charles Cameron, paid a tribute to the explorer, who, he said, had come to lecture in Dublin in aid of the fund for Lady Dudley's West of Ireland nursing scheme. Sir Charles caused much amusement by reading a telegram which, he said, he had just received. "Have just discovered South Pole. Kindly advise me of the result." Lieutenant Shackleton, in replying to the toast of his health, which was warmly honored by a distinguished company, said that his expedition included two Irishmen, five Scotsmen and two Welshmen. The rest were Englishmen. It would be seen, therefore, that the expedition was thoroughly British.

RAISED A RUCTION.
Uster Factory Operatives Struck Against Catholic Weavers.

Taking advantage of the absence at Uster assizes of the local constabulary 300 factory operatives, who struck work against the employment of Catholic weavers, one the 5th inst., paraded the streets on the outskirts of Portadown, smashing windows and doors and singing snatches of party songs. At the railway bridge pedestrians were assailed with mud and decayed vegetables. A boat shop was raided, the contents being used as missiles. The half-dozen constables in the town were powerless.

Mr. John R. Blake, a civil servant, one time secretary in the land commission, took to the present master of the rolls and to his successor, Mr. Justice Wylie, pleaded guilty at the Dublin sessions to having forged the name of Sir Arthur Vickers (late Uster king-of-arms), to an indorsement on a promissory note for £160, and having unlawfully uttered the same. The prisoner was bound over to come up for judgment if called upon.

SCOTLAND
OLD BIBLE BURNED

Belonged to John Hunter, Who Was Killed in 1855.

Among the literary and antiquarian treasures destroyed by the burning of the Kilmarnock museum was the Bible which belonged to John Hunter, the Tweedsmuir Covenantor, who was shot at the Devil's Beef Tub in 1855.

Tillcountry, Clackmannanshire, is fast losing its inhabitants. They are going "down south" to the borders counties, where the woollen trade is brisker.

Mr. James Miller, bookseller and stationer, Perth, Clackmannanshire, died in the church vestry, while the congregation were singing the opening Psalm on Sunday.

On December 2, Lady Nina Balfour distributed warm clothing among the old people in Hume, Roxburghshire.

At the butter making competition of the British Dairymaid's Association at Edinburgh, the gold medal was won by Miss Mary Dalrymple, Elliston.

The Tweed salmon season, which closed lately was one of the worst within living memory. 442 salmon were landed, against 558 last year.

The funerals of the victims of the recent skating calamity took place on December 28 to Pennyfuir cemetery and were the largest ever seen in Oban, Argyllshire. All the shops were closed and church bells tolled.

Alderman Gilroy, of Berwick, aged 86, died on December 9. Until a few days ago he was active in public life, speaking in the gold medal case, and in the House of Commons.

A Millport fisherman, when taking in his lines the other day, found six large salmon caught by the hooks.

Two school boys, Alex. Chenev and John McTier, were drowned by falling through the ice on Drumwall Loch, near Kirkcubbin, on December 7.

The total number of deaths registered in Edinburgh during the week ending December 4 was 115, equal to an annual mortality of 16,811 per 1,000. The deaths in 1894 numbered 19, equivalent to an annual rate of 11.4 per 1,000.

THE RINKING CRAZE.
Gives Employment to 20,000 Persons—\$5,000,000 Invested in Rinks.

It has been decided to establish a hospital for women at Edinburgh. John Gekins, Duke street, Leith, has been fined £50 for using his office for betting.

Sir J. H. A. McDonald expresses favor for the "Mid-Scotland battleship canal scheme."

The Scottish National Flock Stock Club showed Edinburgh on December 1 was above the average.

The craze for "rinking" throughout the country gives employment to 20,000 people, an £1,000,000 has been invested in rinks.

On December 5 Wm. Howie, 75, Cornwall street, Edinburgh, fell over his window, four storeys and was killed.

A Scottish Aeronautical Society has been formed at Glasgow.

Clyde shipbuilding has had a brisk year, and has a good outlook for next.

The guarantee fund of the Scottish Historical Exhibition at Glasgow now amounts to £128,100.

There is a movement on foot for the amalgamation of six large retail co-operative societies in Glasgow.

The Glasgow movement for the erection of a memorial to Alexander Smith, poet and essayist, is making progress.

Provost Perry has given 30 tons of coal to the poor of Kirkintilloch, Dumbartonshire.

James Rouse, a highly respected townsman of Alexandria, has died at the age of 62. For 37 years he was employed in the engraving department of one of the local printworks, and only retired three months ago.

If it adopts the Free Libraries Act Clydebank is promised £10,000 by Mr. Carnegie towards a library.

Provost Hunter, at a church bazaar in Ayr, referred to the high class character of Ayrshire needlework, and mentioned that it was a fact not generally known that the King's christening robes were embroidered in the country.

An English visitor to "Auld Killee" lately boasted that there were no Scots words which he could not construe. "Indeed," said a local gentleman, "we'll hand me your splenchan, and tell me if ever you had on over your head a brechan, or fell intae a sheugh." The visitor declared he had said Scots and not German words.

Report by the directors of the Commercial Bank of Scotland, Limited, states that, including the balance of £40,212 brought forward from 1899, the net profits amount to £272,072, out of which a dividend of twenty per cent for the year is recommended, and other provisions made.

An interesting old lady, Mrs. McPherson, has died at Fairlie, Ayrshire, at the advanced age of 98. She was Fairlie's oldest inhabitant. Her great-grandfather was the principal piper to Prince Charles Edward Stewart, and he played the charge on the fatal morning at Culloden. The pipes used on that occasion are still in possession of the Duke of Atholl.

Edinburgh possesses two Sir Walter Scott chairs. That on which he sat as clerk of Justiciary is in the Advocates' Library, and the Dean of Faculty, Mr. Scott Dickson, uses it when presiding over meetings of that body.

MR. ASQUITH AT LIVERPOOL
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He is enabled to perform them all the more easily and all the more efficiently, because, gentlemen, as he adds, "it is not exposed to the dangers and temptations of popular election," and it is this, so Lord Carson concludes, which has made the House of Lords, not only the most long-lived (laughter)—but the most famous parliamentary body in the world, the envy of other nations, the pride and glory of our own. (Laughter.)

Mr. Chamberlain's View.

And then Mr. Chamberlain, of all men in the world, steps in to cap the climax in that preface which he has written to a recently-published work. Now I quote his words also: "I believe," he says, "that a House of Commons entirely uncontrolled would become a great public danger. It would be much worse than the House of Lords, which, just because it is a hereditary chamber, must depend for its strength upon its integrity, and the true mind of the people." (Laughter.)

Gentlemen, was I right when I said that representative government was at stake? I think we had really better close the House of Commons altogether. What need have we of it, a House of Commons, the casual result of swinging pendulum (laughter) or of exceeding gusts of popular passion, what need have we of it when, by the mercy of Providence (laughter)—at the other end of the Palace of Westminster we have Lord Curzon and his friends, free from the dangers and temptations of popular election—(laughter) in their wind and water-tight legislative home, where there is no keystone or a cranny through which gusts of passion and prejudice can enter from outside (laughter)—interpreting by the gift of heredity (laughter)—with serene and disinterested detachment the true mind and the permanent temper of the British people. (Laughter.) This is to be the final lesson of democracy. I am glad to see it so frankly and so nakedly stated.

The Issue.
The question is not between two chambers and a single chamber. It is DO YOU PERSPIRE EXCESSIVELY?

DON'T BE OFFENSIVE ANY LONGER—THERE IS A TONIC TREATMENT THAT CURES.

"The least little thing would force me into a state of excessive perspiration," writes E. C. DeForest, a well-known resident of Davenport. "Not only his profession, but his offensiveness bothered me. I was then not overstrong, and it might have been the result of a low sort of fever I had when I first moved into this section. Perhaps I was run-down and a little nervous. With any little start, or waking up at night in a half-dreamy condition, I would be simply bathed with perspiration. Looking around for a good tonic I saw Ferreroze highly recommended. It's a great pleasure to testify that in my case it worked splendidly. In general health Ferreroze quite set me up, owing, no doubt, to the stimulation Ferreroze gives one's appetite and digestion. I can't positively say how much I gained in weight, but I know it was considerable. My sleep improved, and as for my nerves they never bother me any more. It's a great blessing to get free from the excessive perspiration, and still more desirable to enjoy such excellent health as Ferreroze brought me."

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As I have said before, and as I shall say many times again, a question whether the House of Lords are in a majority the House of Lords shall be supreme (cheers). Upon the answers you give to that question—upon the electors of this country—depend the future and the fortunes of very great and progressive cause. (Loud cheers.)

NOT DIFFICULT TO DETECT CRIMINALS
Scotland Yard Expert Says There Are Few First-Class Professionals.

Sir Robert Anderson, for many years the chief criminal expert in Great Britain and until a few years ago in charge of London's Scotland Yard, declares that when it comes to special feats, such as safe-breaking, the men competent for the task are so few that some police officers could probably write down the names of them all from memory.

"On taking charge of the criminal investigation department in 1887," he writes in the Standard, "I was no novice in matters relating to criminals and crime. Notwithstanding all this, to my surprise I found myself credited with a vast amount of ignorance by one of my junior subordinates. I began to investigate R. A. a Sherlock Holmes, he used to listen to me in the many many people listen to sermons in church, and at the conclusion he would stolidly announce that the crime was the work of So-and-so, naming one of his stock heroes—'Old Dan,' 'Wirt,' 'Zang,' 'Shrimp,' or 'Quot.' I began to wonder what the man was doing, and I soon found that my junior subordinate was right. Great crimes are the work of great criminals.

"There is nothing spontaneous, and occasional about the crimes of 'professionals.' Take the case of a ladder 'larceny' for example. While the family is at dinner the house is entered by means of a ladder placed against a bedroom window, all other doors and around doors having been fastened from outside by screws or wire or rope. Wires are stretched across the lawn to hinder pursuit in case the thieves are discovered."

"A case of this kind occurred some years ago at a country house in Cheshire. The next day local police constable of the county to Scotland Yard. Such a crime, he said, was beyond the capacity of provincial practitioners, and he expected us to find the culprits among the criminals of Scotland Yard."

"He gave me a full description of two strangers who had been seen near the house the day before, and a hour or two later I headed out three photographs. Two of these were a portrait of a man who had come under local observation, and a second and convincing follow-up. They were well-known 'ladder' thieves."

One Dr. Max Noorden called upon me last night to show me the test. I took a couple of photographs, and one day after I had a letter from him that one was an excellent portrait and the other a notorious criminal. I thanked him to say which was the type, but he evaded the test."

"One was Raymond, alias Wirth—one of the most able criminals of my time; the other was Dr. Thomas, an old-time Chaucery, and a very fine fellow. His countenance was more replete with strength and benevolence than the latter's. It was Raymond who stole the famous Chaucery portrait, and for which Mr. Asquith had recently paid the record sum of £19,000."

TOLSTOY ENJOYS BEST OF HEALTH
Says a French Correspondent Who Saw Him Recently.

In spite of the reports of Tolstoy's poor health and approaching end, the special correspondent of the Paris Journal writes that his first impression on seeing this tall, bright-eyed, vigorous, old man, with whom he was to have an interview, was that he was in the presence of an extremely well preserved man between 60 and 65.

In spite of his 81 years Tolstoy goes riding every day and in all weathers. His hearing is very acute. He catches even a whispered conversation. He reads without spectacles, and explains that he used to be shortsighted, and that he therefore kept his sight.

Politics do not seem to interest him greatly. The subject which attracted him at the present moment are metaphysical questions inherent in different religions, the origin of life and the mystery of death. He does not fear death, but believes in the immortality of the soul and the existence of God.

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"I suffered from womb disease for seven years, with dreadful pains over the front of the body, over the back and down the legs. I had indigestion and chronic constipation and the constipation was so bad that I went sometimes for ten to fifteen days without any action of the bowels. At one time I was so low that everyone thought I was going to die, and the last rites of the church were administered to me. I was treated by six different doctors without any benefit."

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Mr. Albert MacPherson, Chippewa Mines, N.S., writes: "In Oct. 1898, I caught cold by working in water, and had a bad cough and that distressing tickling sensation in my throat so that I could not sleep at night, and my lungs were very sore I had to give up work. Our doctor gave me medicine but it did no good so I got a little of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup and by the time I had used two bottles I was entirely cured. I am always recommending it to my friends."

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Tolstoy told his French interviewers that he has many enemies, his subjects, and the very day, Lord Curzon, the British Foreign Secretary, had written to him, saying that he was a nuisance to me. I only want to live in peace."

The following is the account of the writer's mode of life, as given by his doctor: He rises at 8, and at 8 o'clock eats his meals with greatest regularity, drinks no wine, eats no meat, or not smoke, takes long walks or rides, and spends his evenings with his family and the friends who come to see him. Generally he goes to bed at midnight.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHThERIA.