### PEN PICTURE OF HISTORIC MOMENTS AT THE CRISES OF HOME RULE FIGHT

SCENE OF NOTABLE DEBATE, IN of home rule was emphatically reafformed, forward, not as a solution, but as an GRAPHICALLY DESCRIBED

Westminster, Apr. 1.-For the fifth time within the last thirty years and for the third time within the last two, effect was perceptible in Mr. Asquith's cluded, and let this be done on the requia Liberal Prime Minister rose in the House firm and steadfast bearing or measured sition, of, say, one-tenth of the electors Probably on none but the first of those proposals to be received with enthusiasm hostoric occasions can the House have been in any quarter, he nevertheless claimed more closely packed or more eager than for them a deliberate and dispassionate porary expedient. "We think," said Mr. ambassadorial crush.

with irrespressible gaiety. When the door oreathless suspense, throughout a closely-Bonar Law with a whispered comment. in replying to a question about telephone boxes, caused more hilarity, accompanied by exuberant Opposition cheers, by gravely intimating that it was intended to "replace the present cabinet by one of a more suitable character." Next came a round of cheering in honor of Mr. Asquith's arrival, and a moment later yet another rousing demonstration to signalize the appearance, almost hand-in-hand of Mr. Bonar Law and Sir Edward Carson, the latter decorated with the Covenent button. For once the Nationalists were the least demonstrative section of the House Their leader, too, wore a buttonhole-s bunch of violets and as he walked to his place under the gallery his friends greeted him with much warmth.

The Orator and His Audience

Rather earlier than had been expected Mr. Asquith was at the table composedly arranging the notes of his speech, while at the same time the Ministerialists and Nationalists vied with one another in givlasted as long as to be noticeably persistnonstration. On the contrary, they

nons tonight to move the second yet flexible elecution. Frankly acknowl- in each country within three months of the of a home rule bill for Ireland. edging that he could not expect his new passing of the bill.

The Three Roads

ing and in delivery.

Three different roads we are told. had presented themselves to the Prince had presented themselves to the Prime Minister as possible paths to a settlement of the Ulster difficulty. Of those the first his incisive manner, "that at the end of rule within home rule, associated with a scheme (familiar to readers of the Manchester Guardian) for intrusting Ulster representatives in the Irish Legislature Imperial Parliament otherwise directs." with a suspensory vote on legislation affecting Ulster which was to have had the effect of holding such legislation in abeyance till it had been sanctioned by the Imperial Parliament. Quite candidly Mr. Asquith confessed himself still wedded to dwelt with the affection of a parent. 'But it has one drawback," he added with equal candor, and amid some laughter "and a very serious drawback-It does concerned." Unfortunately the second ent, the Opposition made no attempt to plan-that suggested by Sir Horace Plunspoil the effectiveness of the greeting by kett, of the incision of Ulster with an interruption or by any sort of counter- option of exclusion after a term of yearshad entirely failed to commend itself to behaved now, and indeed all through the the other side; so that in the end there rewas only thrown into sharper relief by remarked Mr. Asquith cautiously, "I do

lster members As everyone had expected, the third fect, for after the first outburst of en- alike as a via media between the surrensiasm and an occasional cheer in der of principle on the one hand and the approval of those messages of his exer-application of force on the other. Naturdium in which his faith in the principle ally such a proposal could only be put

### **HOW PROSPERITY OVER-REACHES ITSELF** SHOWN BY MANAGER OF U.S. MINT

his own, is carried out of sight of all land- where did so and paid London. marks. He judge of what he may safely The London Economist, reviewing the do upon the assumption that surrounding experience, said: "The crisis showed, conditions are normal and stable, and much to the relief of experienced bankers, hostile speeches was that of Sir Edward that others will keep their engagements that the raising of the bank rate is as Carson, who, although obviously in poor with him, and fails to allow for the cumu- effective a device as ever it was in attract- health, spoke with much of his accustomlative effect of what everybody is doing. ing gold." The result is that liabilities are swollen The Governor of the Bank of England, usual impressive deliberation. Like Mr. both at home and abroad usually until before the United States Monetray Com- Bonar Law, he objected altogether to the adverse foreign balances draw away the mission later, discussing the effective- time limit on the exclusion option. "Take gold reserves, force a contraction of credits ness of the discount rate, declared that a your time limit out and I will go to latest make of steel pen. and bring about a general collapse. 10 per cent rate would draw gold out of Ulster and call a convention to consider That is the way inflation generally cor- the ground. rects itself.

Use of Discount Rate There could be no more striking illus- by which a banking organization may detration of all the principles involved in fend its gold reserve. It can do so by the use of the discount rate than was shifting its investments, and particularly afforded in this country and in Europe by carrying ordinarily a considerable during our panic of 1907. When the amount of foreign bills. When the ex-American banks suspended payments the changes turn favorably it can allow these European banks were under an extra-bills to run off, thus replenishing its forordinary strain. Everything in the United eign balances. This is a common prac-States that could be sold abroad for cash tice, in every respect legitimate and wholewas offered at attractive prices. Our some, tending to establish uniform credit agricultural products were crowded for-conditions and a broad international ward, our stand securities were sold at money market as a basis for the world's prices which, within a few months, yielded industries. It is highly desirable that the United States, by its banking organour bankers and business men bought ization and its banking practices, shall gold as a manufacturer might buy coal enter this international community, nad in a fuel famine to keep his factory run- by its resources and co-operation contrining. The resources of the United States bute to universal stability. It is desirare so great that when we go out to buy able that our high-class, commercial gold regardless of price we are able to paper shall have a standing and market

Influx of Gold About \$100,000,000 in gold came to curities, will minimize the movement of the United States in 60 days, and \$85,- gold, and tend to maintain an interna-000,000 of it came from London. The tional equilibrium.

upon European reserves?

show that a period of prosperity will to set in motion the forces that would re-could see their way to accepting the offer renewal of negotiations. In the end the curtain rose promptly at 9.15 but the over-reach itself, said Mr. George E. plenish its stock. And so successful was he and the whole body of his colleagues discussion was adjourned to be resumed play had to be slightly abridged to finish Rev. Robertson, that mighty smiter, will Roberts, director of the mint at Washing- its policy that at the close to December, would in turn give it their loyal backing. at a date not yet agreed upon. ton, in a recent address. The average after the flood had passed, its percentage "But in view," he added in warning man, intent upon his own affairs, familiar of reserve was higher than on Novem-tones, "the Prime Minister has now gone with local conditions only, misled by ber 1, when the movement began. It was to the extremest limits of concession," If fictitious profits, and influenced by sur- simple enough; everybody in the world the scheme were rejected by the Opposirounding opinion as untrustworthy as who woed London and could borrow else-tion then the Nationalist party must seek

Defence of Gold Reserve The discount rate is not the only means get it. The stream was started; the next abroad, and that we shall accustom ourquestion was what would be the effect selves to participation in other markets. A mingling and interchange of investments, both of short-time paper and se-

BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS he spoke to an audience so chary of be- expedient which in time might pave the traying its feelings that a less practiced way for final settlement. Let the counties orator might have found its silence a little of Ulster by a pleniscite of their parliamentary electors say for themselves One need scarecly say that no such whether or not they desired to be ex-

Mr. Law's Question it was for tonight's momentous event. consideration and applied himself to the Asquith, with a half-interrogative glance From the floor to the galleries not a vac- task of disclosing their scope in the man- at the Opposition, 'that the term should ant place was to be seen. Many peers ner of one at once master of himself and be six years from the first meeting of the were crowded out and even in the Diplo- of his subject. Rarely indeed had he been Irish Legislature." A slight murmur broke matists' Gallery there seemed to be some heard to greater advantage in recent years, from the Ulster Unionists, and at the difficulty in couping with an unwonted -perhaps not since his memorable speech same time Sir Edward Carson, who had after the Lord's rejection of the budget been sitting with his head bent towards At the outset one might have imagined for it is scarcely too much to say that the ground as if in profound reverie, drew this great assemblage to be bubbling over lafter holding the House in a state of himself sharply up and turned to Mr. was thrown open and the public came knit exposition of the details of his which in turn brought a smile to that tumbling in as if propelled by some in scheme, he succeeded in the end in thrill-statesman's face. By this arrangement visible force, members looked up to the ing his whole audience again and yet as Mr. Asquith went on to explain, ample galley and burst into schooly ish laugh- again by a peroration of sustained elo- time would be given to the Irish Parliater. Presently the Postmaster-General quence, noble alike in sentiment in prhas- ment to justify its working in the eyes both of the excluded counties and of th electors of the United Kingdom since by the time the period, of exclusion had come to an end the latter would have had two general elections in which to pronounce judgment on the situation. "Do you mean," interposed Mr. Bonar Law, in

> the Opposition benches. A Warning from Mr. Redmond Though not entitled, as he said, to

the six years the Ulster counties are not

to have the option of remaining out?"

"Our proposal," was Mr. Asquith's reply

And once more a subdued but significant

murmur of ironical laughter ran along

this plan, on the advantages of which speak of Ulster, the leader of the Oppoas Mr. Bonar Law afrerwards noted, he sition nevertheless lost no time in indicating that if the Government adhered to their plan of limiting the period of exclusion, Ulster would be unable to accept it. What ministers were proposing was

ing him welcome. Although the cheering not commend itself to any of the parties that Ulster should destroy her organization, abandon her fortress, and come out into the open, and that advantage should then be taken of her weakness to compel her to a course which she was at present offer, such as it was, struck Mr. Law as debate, with a general restraint which mained only the third road, "as to which," unwilling, grudging, and too late. "You have made an offer," he further informed such isolated incidents as Lord Winter- not say, although we have since explored Mr. Asquith, "which you know cannot be ton's later wrangle with a Liberal op- it in detail that we do not have it in view accepted, and which can only have the object of improving your tactical position" a reproach by the way, not quite mond's dignified appeal to their patriot- sion, but exclusion in such a form that, the same critic to the Prime Minister's no go to Ulster. Although this and \$ Meanwhile the Prime Minister had in the Prime Minister's opinion it might good faith in the matter. Finally came much to the same effect sounded grim and & election or home rule referendum, not in had its qualifications, as in the sentence, Ireland or Ulster alone, but in the United "The moment you admit to principle of Kingdom. One should note that while exclusion, the details by ome a matter Wirden, April 1.—The presentation of Mr. Law was developing this unpromision of that may be worked out by negotiation." "The Holy City" by the Rosary Company

THAT IS THE EXPERIENCE OF ALL Bank of England, which bore the brunt Ulster, the Opposition leader was emphatition that the Prime Minister's statement and only an exceptionally strong company Pineo. COUNTRIES HOW INFLATION of our demand, raised its discount rate cally contradicted by Mr. Redmond who represented a "great advance and a great could put on a play of this type with three times within a week from 41 to in a brief yet telling speech, delivered with concession." For himself, Mr. Ward such decided success. All the principal 7 per cent, not with any expectation of much feeling, assured his Unionist fellow-added, he hoped the new proposals would stores closed at 9 in order that the owners The experience of all countries goes to checking the outflow to this country, but countrymen that if they on their part be not the last but the first word in a re- and their assistants might attend. The

that "the bill should pass as it stands."

Support from a Unionist On the whole the least unhopeful of the



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ing line of argument many of his sup- Comment has already been made on the on Saturday night was an event of porters almost with ostentation, refraoned reserved demean ur of a section of the special interest to Virden. An unfrom joining in the applause raised by Opposition while Mr. Bonar Law was usually large number were present to some of their more impulsive neighbors. repelling the Government offer. In the see the beautiful religious drama and On one of his interferences, which was final speech of the debate this reserve was various opinions were expressed, mostly that the Nationalists had been induced to broken by Mr. Arnold Ward, who drew favorable. There could be no question assent to the Government plan in the cheers from the Ministerialists and Na- that the play was masterfully rendered belief that it would be unacceptable to tionalists by boldly avowing his convic- and of absorbing interest throughout

#### EVOLUTION OF THE PEN

In any large city of this country, in the same block, possibly in the same building, can be found in use today the several very good selections at the solo by Miss Edna Mullins and a pianoby man for writing purposes. The Chin- Mr. Dixon, the band seems likely to do ed force and with rather more than his ese laundryman of today marks his tick- excellent work. There were fifteen memets and keeps his accounts with a camel's bers present, all told, and the scenic

Between the two in the long history creasing vloume every year.

Confucius used a hair brush for a pen, had a lively time. and his ancestors for thousands of years | The same evening a concert was given mprovement on the hair pen.

ixation, and its use spread from the attendance and over \$17 was raised. east over Europe and then to the new world. Before the day of the metal Mr. W. G. Coles, business course teacher

Early in the nineteenth century the is not serious. neral pen began to be used in England, the first one being one piece of metal day. Steep pens in the early days cost dering. cents each, sometimes double that.

#### OUR VIRDEN LETTER

before 12 o'clock.

By reason of the above mentioned play the Moving Picture Company gave their Saturday night's program on the previous evening. There was a large attendance.

The newly organized brass band gave first type of pen and the latest. A fine Auditorium last night between the first forte duet by Misses Louise Armstrong hair brush was the first instrument used and second shows of the moving pictures. Under the direction of its conductor, hair pen dipped in ink. Next door pro- effect of the russet uniforms with the bably is a white merchant who uses the woodland background of the stage was admired.

of the pen came the reed, then the quill. Mr. John McLeod gave another of his Steel pens are almost in universal use popular dances in the Court room on now and are made by the ton and in in- Friday. It is the last of the season. There was a large attendance and all

before his time. The reed came into use in the Presbyterian Church in aid of or writing in the marshy countries of the choir funds. The program included three Orient. It was hollow and, cut in short selections by the choir, solos by Mrs. by Mr. Hunter (science master at the The value of the quill was discovered Collegiate), and Miss Merle Norsworthy. at an early date in the history of civil- There was a large and appreciative

pen England annually was importing at the Collegiate, has burnt both hands more than 25,000 quills for pens. They badly while cutting phosphorus in air were from the swans of Iceland, the Irish instead of in water. Owing to his local work. In addition to the bequest to Hamiota's new hospital, which has geese, the geese of the Hudson bay coun- presence of mind in immediately applying of \$15,000, Mrs. Gamble gave \$13,000 to just been finished and is doing such splenalcohol to the injured parts, the accident the same cause shortly before her death. did work.

At the Sunday evening service of the holder and point. The improvement English Church, the "Story of the making the pen detachable followed Cross" was beautifully rendered by the tickly and to keep the point from being choir and Miss Jean More sang a solo stiff the sides were slit, as they are to- with her usual charm and artistic ren-

The Presbyterian evening service took

♦ Christian Endeavour, while to the Meth- ♦ ♦ odists Rev. R. O: Armstrong gave an ♦

Yet another of Virden's young men yielded to the charms of the Oak Lake girls last week when Mr. Weekes, photographer and artist, was married to Miss honeymoon.

The various sports clubs are already organizing for the summer season. It is again pitch for the ball team while the ers, which did not win a single game. continue to trounce the bowlers.

physical. Musical numbers, including a be passed. and Ida Blakemen added to the enjoy- the Methodists, to do. That is to go on

#### LEAVES \$305,000 TO CHARITIES

Mrs. F. N. Gamble's Will Gives \$15,000 to Salvation Army Too

Cincinnati, Ohio, Apr. 1.-The will ble, filed here today, leaves \$305,000 to charities and religious acticities and \$200,-000 to near relatives and others. All her sport this year. We hope so. real estate, additionally, is given in equal engths, with sharpened ends, it was some Campbell and Tom Craig, and recitations Lakeside, Ohio, and to her brother, Dr. balls is about over for this winter, McCon-Apologete.

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Mrs. R. E. Hunter of Hamiota, who has been visiting in Souris, went back to her home on Wednesday last.

Leitch. They have gone east for the The curling season closed in Hamiota at the winning of the Charity Bonspiel The Hospital Rose committee are by Mr. T. Kerr (skip), Mr. Chapman, preparing for Rose Day, a meeting being Miss Venables and Mrs. T. Kerr. Great held yesterday at the home of Mrs. W. M. interest was taken in all the games, as many new curlers took a hand. Included among these were two rinks from the school, one composed of boys, which won expected that "Slim" Langford will some hard games, and the other of teach-

live wire in Hamiota ever since the des-Mesdames Megaffin and Insley were truction of the Methodist church by fire hostesses at the meeting of the Women's some time ago, has been voted down. A Institute last Saturday. The subject great many people are disappointed as discussed was child culture, mental and many were quite satisfied it was going to

> There is but one thing for our friends, preparing to build. There is no doubt they will put up a very fine church during the coming summer. It will be built on the old place, and it would be hard to find a better site.

The baseball season is about to commence here. The young sports of this town held their first meeting of the season to decide whether or not they will enter of Mrs. Francis N. Gamble, relative of a member of the firm of Proctor and Gamwork last year there is little doubt that Hamiota will do its part for the season's

shares to her sister, Josephine Andrews of Although the season' for parties and Albert J. Nast of Cincinnati, a well know nel's Hall, Hamiota, was the scene last minister and the editor of Der Christliche night of a very gay affair, given by the officers and men of the new troop of Mrs. Grace Andrews Townley of New- Mounted Dragoons. A great many of ark, N.J., a niece, receives \$15,000. the town's "best" attended, the red coats According to the terms of the will, a of the soldiers and the beautiful dresses bequest of \$15,000 to the Salvation Army of the ladies making a very gay scene. quarters at New York and not directly to The proceeds of this affair are to be given

