

## WIDE WORLD EVENTS.

From the "World Wide"

What the horrors of war are partially revealed by an advertisement printed in German newspapers setting forth that a Balkan State desired to get into communication with a firm able to supply immediately several thousand artificial limbs. A Bulgarian army surgeon now writes describing the pitiful condition of the maimed soldiery in the streets of Sofia many months after the conclusion of peace. He says: "Our industry is totally unable to deliver the number of artificial limbs required to turn the young, armless and legless men, at least outwardly, into whole men. Frequently one meets in the streets, groups of such war cripples painfully dragging themselves along with the aid of sticks and supports shaped by their own hands." Gen. Sherman's characterization of war is painfully demonstrated by this story.

Although the press has been filled with most alarming stories as to civil war in Ulster should the Home Rule Bill be passed, the third reading took place and was voted on by the House of Commons on May 25th, being carried by a vote of 351 to 274—a majority of 77—and a great calm prevails in Ireland. The measure has now gone to the House of Lords, where another effort will be made, by means of an amending bill, to bring the act into a shape which will secure it the good will of all classes of Irishmen.

Sir Thomas Crossley Rayner, Chief Justice of British Guiana, died suddenly on the Bench while hearing a case on May 22nd. He was born in Manchester, England, in 1860.

Sixteen persons were killed as well as many horses and horned cattle in a cyclone which practically destroyed the town of Minquez, Mexico, on May 19th.

Sir Conan Doyle has sailed for Canada and expects to spend a fortnight camping in the Rocky Mountains.

Ex-President Roosevelt has returned from his Brazilian exploring tour much reduced in weight and impaired in health, but with the expectation of rapidly recuperating during his proposed visit to Spain.

Great interest was taken in the Good Roads Congress meetings which took place in Montreal last week, at which representative men from the United States and Canada were present. From what was said and promised the outlook for better roads now seems to be very bright.

The closing session of the German Reichstag on May 20th was marked by much disturbance on the part of the Socialist members, who instead of following their usual custom of leaving the chamber before the cheers for the Emperor are called for stayed to hoot and hiss. The Speaker, Johannes Kaempi, called attention to the fact that the Socialists remained in their seats as a breach of respect for the Emperor. The Socialists retorted that it was their own affair and as the cheers for the Kaiser were given began hissing and cat calling. The other members with great applause drowned out the disturbers.

Chief Wesley Buiard, head of the Wintun tribe of Indians of Northern California, has been removed from the chieftainship in a recall election believed to be the first ever held by Indians. Wesley was elected chief about a year ago in an election at which Indian women voted, following the privilege of their white sisters in California. It was not for dereliction in office, but because Wesley is said to be part Yaqui that he was recalled. The Wintuns want a full blooded chief of their own strain. Two hundred

Indians gathered from a radius of two hundred miles for the election. Ed. Alexander, of Antler, was elected Wesley's successor.

Sidney Drew, printer and publisher of the "Sufragette," the newspaper in London representing the militant sector of woman suffragists, has been committed for trial at the Old Bailey the specific complaint against him being an article inciting members of the Women's Social and Political Union to do malicious damage to property. An official of the post office testified that 237 letter boxes had been tampered with, 4,000 letters damaged, and 114 pieces of mail destroyed by the suffragettes.

A bill has been introduced in the House of Commons by Mr. Ponsonby Liberal member of Parliament for Stirling, to abolish hereditary titles as a relic of the past and the main cause of the unfathomable snobishness, sycophancy and flunkeyism in British social life. Mr. Ponsonby condescended with the eldest sons who had no outlook in life but to become peers. While the bill would not prevent the giving of honors to distinguished men, it would enable the present holders of titles to free themselves from the spurious prominence and the disadvantages and disabilities forced upon them.

A naval volunteer force for Canada has been decided upon at Ottawa, an Order-in-Council having been passed by the government and signed by the Duke of Connaught authorising the establishment of such a force. The discarded ships 'Rainbow' and 'Niobe' will be utilized on the Atlantic and Pacific for training purposes on the Great Lakes. Instructors from the British navy will be engaged. The headquarters of the new force will be at Ottawa, but it will be divided into three divisions—the Atlantic, the Great Lakes, and the Pacific. On the Atlantic coast the divisional headquarters will be Halifax and the scope will be all along the St. Lawrence as far as Montreal. Toronto will be the headquarters of the Great Lake division which will include the Ottawa river, the upper St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes and all waterways as far as the Rocky Mountains. Esquimaux will be the headquarters of the Pacific division which will have control of all waters east of the Rockies.

The re-union of the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church would appear to be in sight. The Church of Scotland Committee at a joint meeting in Edinburgh on May 25, issued a report containing draft articles of the constitution for union Lord Balfour of Burleigh, in moving its adoption at the established Assembly, said they held that questions of state relations and church endowment had not actually come within the four corners of such constitution. It was primarily the declaration of the freedom of the church to deal with its spiritual matters. This motion was adopted by a large majority. At the Free Church Assembly the Rev. Dr. Young moved the adoption of the union committee's report, asking the assembly to continue negotiations. This was agreed to by a large majority.

Of the half million men called to serve their time in the Italian army every year more than ten per cent are declared by the War Office to be "renitents," that is they fail to obey the summons and render themselves liable to arrest and punishment. As a rule those who refuse to serve their time in the army are sons of emigrants, who rather than return to Italy for two years prefer to remain abroad despite the fact that their travelling expenses would be paid by

the State. The "renitents" cannot return to Italy, as they are arrested and generally sentenced to serve their time in the army also a couple of years in prison. Italy is thus losing about 50,000 citizens a year, and in some of the southern provinces, like Naples and Calabria, where emigration is increasing, the proportion of "renitents" averages from 20 to 23 per cent of the total number of young men called to arms every year.

While participating in naval manoeuvres off the coast of Bizerta, Africa, on May 20th, four men of the French destroyer "Renaudin," were killed and one badly scalded.

Sir Francis Laking, physician in ordinary to the King and Prince of Wales, died in London on May 22nd, aged 67 years.

Inspector Beytes, of the Royal N. W. M. Police, has been given three years commission to go to the northernmost part of the Hudson Bay and find the murderers of Radford and Street, two explorers who were believed to have been killed by Eskimos two years ago. Beytes will go to Chesterfield Inlet, the farthest point on the Hudson Bay inhabited by white men and from there take three years supply of provisions and travel thousands of miles through the interior. The trip will be one of the most dangerous and trying ever undertaken by an officer of the Mounted Police, involving investigations among savage Eskimo tribes, at whose hands the two explorers met their death. George Street, one of the murdered men, was born in Ottawa.

The Royal Society of Canada held its annual meeting in Montreal this week, the sessions lasting from Monday to Thursday.

The British government has finally decided not to take part officially in the Panama-Pacific Exhibition at San Francisco.

The burial of the late Dowager-Empress of Japan took place on May 28th, in the presence of thousands of people with all the customary rites. Fulfilling imperial traditions, four clay figures, representing guardian warriors were buried with the coffin one at each corner. They are the spirits who will guard over the body of her majesty. They wear armor and helmets, with swords in fur sheaths, quivers, bows and arrows, and their feet are encased in metal shoes. A little shrine with a roof that was made from the bark of the sacred hinoki tree was placed over the grave.

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