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## Evening Telegram

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Thursday, Dec. 29, 1910.

### Home Rule Prospect.

The results of the British General Election, gave new impetus to the activities of the Irish Nationalists, the leaders of whom saw a second election looming in the near future, for which they made active preparations. In this second election they intended that the Home Rule question should loom larger as it was the motive which gave direction to their policy in regard to the Lords' Veto. The January elections gave the Nationalists an advantageous position in parliament. Without their aid the Liberal Party could not maintain a majority in the House of Commons, and as a result they were in a position to influence largely the policy of the Government.

The returns of the election just concluded have strengthened their position, and they are in a position to spur on the Government to take away the old power of veto from the House of Lords, and thus clear the way for the enactment of a Home Rule measure.

The views of the parliamentary leaders, under these circumstances, are illuminating.

At 11 p.m. the Prime Minister was asked recently:—

"Is it the case that if the Liberal Party are returned on this occasion they intend to grant Ireland a measure of Home Rule?" Mr. Asquith replied: "It is."

The next question was: "Will Mr. Asquith explain in general terms the nature of the Home Rule Bill he proposes?" "I refer the questioner," he replied, "to a speech I made a year ago at the Albert Hall, in which I explained, in very clear and, I think, definite terms, the general character of our proposal, and to which I entirely adhere."

Mr. Asquith in his Albert Hall speech (December 11, 1909) said: "Speaking on behalf of the Government in March last year, a week before my accession to the office of Prime Minister, I described Ireland as the one undeniable failure of British statesmanship. I repeat here to-night what I said then, speaking on behalf of my colleagues, and I believe of my party, the solution of the problem can be found only in one way—by a policy which, while explicitly safeguarding the supreme and indefeasible authority of the Imperial Parliament, will set up in Ireland a system of full self-government in regard to purely Irish affairs. There is not, and there cannot be, any question of separation. There is not, and there cannot be, any question of rival or competing supremacies; but, subject to these conditions, that is the Liberal policy."

"For reasons which I believe to have been adequate, the present Parliament was disabled in advance from proposing any such solution, but in the new House of Commons the hands of a Liberal Government, and of a Liberal majority, will in this matter be entirely free."

Mr. Lloyd-George has expressed himself as follows:—

"As the Prime Minister has already declared, we have no intention of shirking Home Rule. It is absolutely essential for the efficiency of the Imperial Parliament. It is not merely extending self-government to Ireland. Wales wants self-government. Scotland wants self-government. We are treading on each other's toes in Parliament, and are not doing any work because the Imperial Parliament is attending to trivial matters which would be beneath the attention of many a county council. That is very bad business."

"After disposing of the Veto of the House of Lords the first thing will be to reconstruct our present Imperial machinery in such a way as to make the House of Commons free to attend to the immense Imperial questions awaiting consideration."

Mr. Churchill says:—

"What the Liberals now want to do amongst other things, is to effect a settlement with Ireland, and to give the Irish the control of their own purely Irish affairs, subject to the unquestioned supremacy of the Imperial Parliament. If they can secure a good national settlement with Ireland at this juncture Great Britain will be secured an increase in the strength of the Empire, much more important than by half a dozen Dreadnoughts."

Mr. Balfour, speaking on the Home Rule question recently, said:—

"Some people talked as if Home Rule was going to give peace to Ireland. They would not promote peace by bringing into an unnatural union partners who did not want to be united, and whose whole ideas of politics, education, and commerce were different."

ent. It seemed to him a lunatic folly, but whether good or bad it could not be accepted by the population of this country until they knew what they were accepting."

### Family's Serious Trouble.

About 10 days ago Mrs. Collins, who resides on Pope Street, became ill and died in five days. Previous to her illness a man named Rodgers, who boarded in the house, was very ill also for a couple of weeks but recovered, as did Mr. Collins, husband of the deceased, who was unwell for over a week. Three days ago Mrs. Reardon, Mrs. Collins' mother, an old lady aged 85, also died after a very short illness, and yesterday three little boys, the sons of the deceased woman—Joseph, Leo and Jack—were brought to Hospital and are under observation for typhoid fever. They are very ill, and we learn that Mrs. Whalen, sister of Mrs. Collins (deceased), who nursed the latter, is ill to-day and confined to her bed. The family have lived in surroundings of the utmost squalor and have suffered the greatest privations, and it is believed that all have been afflicted with typhoid.

### Prisoner by Train.

Sergt. Goodland arrived by the express to-day from Bay St. George, bringing a prisoner from Stephenville, named A. Duffney, who was sentenced to six months in the Penitentiary by Magistrate McDonald for robbing a letter from the mails. He was engaged as a mail carrier between Stephenville and Crabb's. He opened the mail bag and took out a letter sent from St. John's by C. P. Egan to Mr. Gillam, at Crabb's. He opened the letter took out the cheque and forged the endorsement. Next day he sent it to Ayre's store, at Bay of Islands, and got goods for the cheque. On being arrested by Sergt. Goodland on the 22nd inst. he admitted his guilt. Duffney, is only 14 years of age, has been three years taking the mails to Crabb's for the Postal Telegraph Co.

### Fire To-Day.

At 10.40 to-day an alarm of fire was sent in from box 221 for a fire at Kinn's laundry, Reviling's Cross. The roof in the chimney blazed up, and the fine being defective it burned some of the woodwork inside. The Central and Eastern men responded and quickly quenched it, little damage being done. Until the chimney is repaired no more fire will be allowed in the laundry.

### Two Ugly Accidents.

Edward Leary, of Carew Street, working at Shea's wharf to-day, had his hand badly mangled by an iron girder falling on it. He lost much blood, and a doctor who was called put several stitches in the wound.

A man named Larmond, of Torbay Road, fell to-day and his face striking a stone was severely cut. The flesh under the chin was laid open for four inches, was very deep and he lost much blood. He was brought to Dr. Campbell's surgery and several stitches were inserted to close the wound.

### Marine Notes.

The schr. Hajar arrived last night from Nipper's Harbour with a load of fish to Goodridge & Sons.

Mr. Joseph Outerbridge, Mrs. Outerbridge, and Miss L. Outerbridge leave here by the Numidian for a holiday trip to England.

### Personal Notes.

Rev. P. W. Brown, of Ottawa, arrived by the express and pointed the Carboner train at Brigus Junction. He will spend a few days with his parents at Carboner and will return to Ottawa next week.

Mr. B. Friedman, of Water Street, leaves here by the Mongolian this afternoon for a five weeks' visit to the United States.

A FINE SALMON.—Mr. Allan Williams arrived here by Bay Bulls to-day with a fine salmon weighing 22 lbs., which he took from his nets this morning.

LEFT THE CHRONICLE.—Mr. Pierson Kinsella has severed his connection with the Chronicle, and a Mr. Marshall, of the West End, has taken the vacancy.



The Governor and Lady Williams will be at HOME to receive Visitors on Monday, the 2nd of January, from 3 to 6 p.m.

By Command,  
T. C. FITZHERBERT,  
dec27,29,31 Private Secretary.

### Clareville Notes.

At the Tilley homestead on Tuesday night past an enjoyable party was given to the young folks of this place by Miss B. Jaynes and Miss L. Rogers. Government telegraph operators at Clareville.

In the old schoolhouse on Xmas Eve there was a Christmas tree adorned with all kinds of nice things for the school children. It was arranged by Miss Summers.

At the railway station on Saturday night a row took place when some young men who had been imbibing tried to give the agent of the R. N. Co. an overhauling, but a couple of "nobs" happened along at the time and put a few "half-dimensions" on their jaws which made them retreat speedily.

SPECTATOR.  
Clareville, Dec. 27th, 1910.

### Some Famous Rings

Queer Legends That Cling to Old World Jewels of Royalty.

Curious and romantic legends attach to certain of the world's famous rings. One, the coronation ring of England, has an especially interesting history, more or less authentic.

Tradition has it that this ring was given by Edward the Confessor to an aged mendicant, who, accosting the King on the highway, asked alms to enable him to accomplish a journey to Jerusalem.

When the mendicant reached the Holy City, the story of the bestowal of the ring is said to have come to the knowledge of St. John the Divine, who, blessing the circle, bade the pilgrim to restore it to his sovereign. This command was obeyed by the mendicant, who effected the return of the ring through an English pilgrim, who was returning home from a visit to Palestine.

The ring was thereafter carefully guarded and finally placed in Edward's shrine at Westminster. The story of the ring was duly set forth in painted characters on glass and fixed in a window in the south aisle of the abbey.

The German Emperor is said to wear at all times a ring that he regards as his own peculiar talisman, and to which a fantastic origin is credited. It appears, during the time of John, Elector of Brandenburg, a toad entered his room one night and placed a mail gem on the Elector's couch. This, we are assured, though a stone of small intrinsic value, has ever proved a talisman to the Imperial house. This stone was set in a ring by the father of Frederick the Great, since whose time it has been worn by the head of the Imperial German family.

The King of Spain owns a ring whose history proclaims it to be something of a "hoo-doo." According to the traditions of the Spanish Court, this ring was presented to Queen Mercedes by Alfonso XII. She died within a month. The King then turned over the ring to his sister, Maria, and she, too, died shortly after receiving the ring. The fatal circle again coming into possession of the King, he this time gave it to Princess Cristina, his sister-in-law, who survived three months. It would seem that the King was determined to brave the baleful influence of the ring, for, when its possessor died, he decided to wear it himself. Curiously enough he, too, passed away not long afterward.

Naturally, the Queen Regent was loath to assume the risk of wearing the deadly circle. Indeed, she refused to have anything to do with it, and, instead, caused it to be hung in a golden chain about the neck of the statue of the Virgin of Almadena, in Madrid. It would seem that the young Alfonso, however, did not share the Queen Regent's dread of this ring, for it is now in his personal possession.

Spaniards entertain an odd superstition with reference to this ring of awesome history. It is believed to be possessed of some mystic power whereby unworthy wearers of it are deprived of their lives. To the worthy wearer, however, it is contended that the ring assures prosperity and long life. The superstitious have pointed out, in support of their contention, that the young King was actually wearing this ring at the time of his narrow escape from death when a bomb was thrown at him on his wedding-day.

### "Swank" Defined.

A plaintiff suing for damages for personal injuries in Clerkenwell County Court recently, remarked that a representative of the defence who called on him said, in reference to the injuries complained of, "That is all swank."

The Judge: What is the meaning of "swank"?

The defendant's counsel: It is an American term.

The plaintiff's counsel: It is parliamentary language. (Laughter.)

The Judge (to plaintiff): Did you consider "swank" to be a complimentary term? No, I did not.

What did you take it to mean? That it looked as if I was "putting it on."

A verdict was given for the plaintiff.

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### Groom-Elect Arrived.

Mr. Cole, who will be married early in the New Year to Miss Harvey, of this city, arrived from Grand Falls by the express to-day to make preparations for his marriage. Miss Harvey, who is the eldest daughter of the late Dr. Harvey, and is one of the most accomplished and handsome of the young ladies of the city, was at the railway station to meet her fiancé. Mr. Cole is from the Old Country and holds a prominent position in the A. N. D. Co. at Grand Falls.

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### Putting His Foot In It.

Charles Dickens once wrote to a friend: "I have distinguished myself in two respects lately. I took a young lady, unknown, down to dinner and talked to her about the Bishop of Durham's nepotism in the matter of cheese. I found she was Mrs. Chess. And I expatiated to the member for Marylebone, thinking him to be an Irish member, on the contemptible character of the Marylebone constituency and the Marylebone representative."

Two such mishaps in one evening

were enough to reduce the most brilliant talker to the condition of the three inside passengers of a London-bound coach, who beguiled the tedium of the journey from Southampton by discussing the demerits of William Cobbett until one of the party went so far as to assert that the object of their denunciation was a domestic tyrant, given to beating his wife.

Much to his dismay the solitary woman passenger, who had hitherto sat a silent listener, remarked:

"Pardon me, sir, a kinder husband and father never breathed, and I ought to know, for I am William Cobbett's wife."

The Olive arrived at Nipper's Harbour yesterday and will load fish for A. Goodridge & Sons.

### NOTICE

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