

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

ENGLAND

PIG AS A PET IN LONDON STREETS

Follows Master Around After Manner
of a Dog.

The spectacle of a young pig following a man like a dog was seen in London road, Kingston-on-Thames, recently. After calling at several shops the man lifted the animal into his cart and drove away.

It is hoped that the experiment of employing girls instead of boys as indoor messengers at the general post-office, and leading provincial offices will be in operation by Jan. 1.

Strawberries measuring two inches in diameter and two inches in length, grown in the open, were on sale at Marlborough a day or two ago. In one garden in the town strawberry plants are actually in bloom.

According to the official return for the year ended last March, the London County Council has provided housing accommodation for 49,003 people, the gross rent being nearly £200,000 a year.

"I saved lives," is to be inscribed on the collar which will be presented by the mayor of King's Lynn to the dog Shaver, who saved the family of Mr. Kent, of the Carle Hotel, King's Lynn, from death by fire by giving a timely alarm.

Mr. C. G. Montefiore, acting president of the council of Hartley University College, Southampton, announced recently that friends of the institution proposed to make a bequest of £10,000 in its favor on condition that its university status was preserved.

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A CANADIAN STAMP OF GREAT BRITAIN

One of the Year 1851 Brought £55 in the Old Country.

The sum of £55 was given by a dealer for a 1s. black (1851) postage stamp of Canada at Glendinning's on Wednesday.

The sum of £75 was realized for a crop of peppermint grown at the outfall works of the Cobham (Surrey) sewage farm, the mint oil realizing 24s. per pound.

A consignment of wallabies, or young kangaroos, has just been received from Australia by a Smithfield poultry farm. The wallaby was included in the menu of several hotels last week.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has now definitely closed the lifeboat station at Broadstairs, Kent, as a result of the dispute with the men over payment for a launch last February.

An anonymous donor having offered to contribute £5, for every 1s. received in the collection at a Wesleyan Methodist missionary meeting at Bourne mouth, £70 was collected, and the anonymous donor added £250. This is the sixth time such an offer has been made.

Mr. Godfrey Isaacs, the managing director of the Marconi Company, stated recently that a direct wireless service between Europe and South America—six thousand miles—would be established within six months, at very much lower prices than the cable companies can possibly offer.

A fortune of £50,000 has, by a decision of the superior court of San Diego, Cal., been left to Michael McCune, and his sister, Elizabeth, of Cloughogue, near Newry, under the will of Edward McGurk, a pioneer resident of San Diego, who died in 1907.

When the First Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment has been stationed at Ebrington Barracks, left for Aldershot, there were remarkable scenes at Belfast Quay. The men had to run the gauntlet of hundreds of work-girls who hugged and kissed them in turn.

The Drapers' Chamber of Trade, which met in the Cannon Street Hotel to discuss the bill instituting a six-day week for shop assistants, passed a resolution in favor of the compulsory closing of shops by not later than 8 p.m. on three days in the week.

A Russian violinist appeared before the Liverpool insurance board on Wednesday against a refusal to allow him to land. He pleaded that with the aid of his violin he would be able to earn a good livelihood playing in the London orchestra. The appeal was granted.

PLACED LOAVES ON THE TOMBSTONES

Quaint and Ancient Ceremony Carried Out in the English Cemetery.

Selston Churchyard, Notts, was recently the scene of the ancient ceremony of placing loaves in which coins had been inserted on the tomb stones for old people to pick up and take away.

The White Star liners will call no longer at Holyhead on the homeward voyage. The difficulty which the liners formerly experienced from lack of water on the Mersey bar has practically been removed.

On the top of the seven-story building to be erected on the site of the old Great Queen Street Theatre in Kingsway for the West London Wesleyan Mission will be a roof garden, to be used as a creche for the care of babies.

After living seventy years in the same house in Newport street, Swindon, Mr. J. T. Coale, a dairyman and poultry dealer, is taking up a fresh abode. Newport street is the only place in Swindon where thatched cottages are still standing.

Mrs. Mary Dew, wife of the Rev. G. P. Dew, rector of Shire Newton, is to have the rank and title of the daughter of an earl, according to the King's command published in Tuesday's Gazette.

zetta. Mrs. Dew is the sister of the Earl of Carrick.

Lord Waterland and others who subscribed towards a public library for Tiverton twenty years ago have just received a heavy pound they gave. The interest has accumulated, but the library has not been begun, despite offers from Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Passmore Edwards.

Having advertised for candidates for the post of relieving officer, who must be a married man, the Keynesham district council finally selected a bachelor. Some ratepayers objected, and the local government board vetoed the appointment. The council will now advertise again omitting the bachelor clause.

Strong opposition has manifested itself against the scheme for a winter garden on the Palace Pier, at Brighton. The aquarium committee object on the ground that it would compete with their own institution, where the municipal orchestra plays mostly, and property owners near the pier say it would obstruct their free view of the sea.

During excavating work in Byward street, City, a number of human remains were recently discovered. It is supposed that the bones were those of the churchyard of All Hallows, Barking. The remains were reburied in Ilford Cemetery by order of the home secretary.

The London County Council rejected by twenty-four votes to ten a motion to give the mayor in the future a salary. Ald. Drutt said that if they gave a salary it would be considered shabby by the mayor did not supplement the amount by an equal contribution out of his own pocket.

The Buzzard, the Royal Naval Volunteer gunboat, which has for so long been a conspicuous object of interest to people on the embankment, is to be replaced by the screw sloop President, the drill ship of the Royal Naval Reserve, at present stationed at the Southwest India docks.

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IRELAND

THE POTATO CROP WAS DESTROYED

Many Parts of Connaught County Hard Hit This Year.

The potato crop, which promised to be one of the best for years, has been practically destroyed in many parts of Connaught.

The Fermanagh Industrial Exhibition, held Sept. 14, in Enniskillen, was a thorough success. There were 1,454 entries.

"The drink traffic in Ireland is staggering to a fall," observed an Armagh minister at a temperance meeting in Glasgow recently.

The Gorey rural council has adopted a resolution protesting against the employment of soldiers in the Irish Telegraph Service.

The death occurred recently at Inch-sheagh, Lanesboro, of Mrs. J. Farrell, an old and highly respected resident of the district.

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Collins have been elected medical officers in Skibbereen Union.

The pork stores of Messrs. Sinclair, provision merchants, of Belfast, were recently destroyed by fire. California, a native of Carrick-on-Suir, is at present enjoying a holiday in Ireland.

Most Rev. Dr. Gaughan, bishop of Meath, has offered to pay half the cost of erecting a large Catholic hall in Mulligan.

FISHING SMACK GOES TO BOTTOM

Belfast Craft Lost in Collision With a Steamship.

The Arklow fishing smack Alice was sunk on Sept. 16, off the County Down coast, in collision with the steamship Melissa, of Belfast, and four lives were lost, the victims being natives of Arklow.

The late Mr. Robert Grimshaw Dunville, of Dunville & Co., of the Royal Irish Diocese, left an estate valued at \$4,588,000, exclusive of real estate in Ireland and personal estate in England, amounting to \$4,119,890.

Statistics relating to crime show that during last year the indictable offences numbered 9,873 for the whole of Ireland, showing a decrease of 3.3 per cent as compared with 1908, but an increase of 4.3 as compared with 1907.

Mr. Wm. Redmond, M. P., has sent a protest to the Government in connection with a widely signed petition, against the action of the Government in taking land required by the local farmers for a military rifle range in the district of Ballycaney.

Dr. Mayne, surgeon in the County Infirmary, Longford, having refused to resign when called on to do so, has been dismissed by the committee of management. Dr. Mayne is over 60 years of age, and his troubles are due to disagreement with a nurse.

STREETS OF DUBLIN TO HAVE TAXICABS

Strong Sentiment Against Them by Cabbies and Jarvies.

Taxicabs are to make their appearance in the streets of Dublin. It is stated that there is a strong sentiment against them by the cabbies and jarvies of the Irish city.

A Belfast engineer has invented a new type of aeroplane which is designed to carry six persons a distance of two hundred miles without stopping for petrol.

Serjeant James Burns, of Aughtamore, Drumore, was presented with a medal for his bravery in saving William Dawson, J. P., of Ballyjamesduff, from death by fire.

A local government inquiry was held at Waterford on Sept. 13, in connection with an application of the corporation for a loan of £5,507 for local improvements.

Joseph Flanagan, a well-known contractor of New York City, accompanied by his wife and family, were recent visitors to the old home at Carrowreagh, Skreen.

Most Rev. Dr. Finnegan was consecrated at Cavan on Sept. 11 as Bishop of Kilmore. Dr. Finnegan is over 60 years of age, and his troubles are due to disagreement with a nurse.

His Grace the Archbishop of Cashel opened new parochial schools at Enly on Sept. 11, which have been erected by Very Rev. Canon Power and the parishioners at a cost of \$13,250.

If insanity is decreasing in Scotland it is still increasing in Ireland. The total number of insane persons in various establishments in Ireland was 2,414, as against 2,331 last year.

The Lord Mayor of the Dublin corporation meeting recently, presented Timothy Scannell with a testimonial on parchment for saving Mr. B. Mahon from drowning in the Liffey on May 1.

SCOTLAND

LEAVES A LEGACY FOR DENTAL PARLOR

Poor Inhabitants May Have Treatment for Nothing.

The late William Thompson Brown, of California, has left \$50,000 to his native town, Musselburgh, Midlothian, to establish a dental parlor where all poor inhabitants may receive skillful dental treatment.

To combat phthisis the public health rate at Greenock is likely to be advanced 1d.

Paisley school board have rejected a motion to supply free books to R. C. schools.

John Forbes, a well-known citizen of Glasgow, has died at Inellan, in his 78th year.

The lamplighters of Hamilton have petitioned the town council for an increase of wages.

The Sunghar and Kirkconnell Collieries (Ltd.) have opened a new coal pit at Kirkconnell.

The Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch are expected at Drumlanrig Castle shortly.

In a fire in Laing's laundry, Airdrie, damage to the machinery, stock and fittings is estimated at \$4,000.

Haddington town council have resolved to tar macadam the roads within the burgh. It will cost \$3,500.

There has been formed the Scottish Mexican Oil Company, with headquarters at the Leven Shipyard, Dumbarton.

NEWMILNS IS OLD; A TOWN IN 1490

Scottish Burgh That Had a Beginning Four Centuries Ago.

Newmilns is a place of considerable but unknown antiquity, for it existed as a country town long before it was made a burgh, which was in the year 1490, or more than four centuries ago.

The question of providing dormitories for nursing mothers in Paisley, was again considered at a meeting of the council. An appeal is to be made for public subscriptions in support of the project.

At Balmoral Castle, the Earl of Crewe (Lord Privy Seal and Secretary of State for the Colonies), arrived, as Minister in Attendance on the King.

Largs town council has agreed to replace the old wooden bridge over the Gogo, which was swept away by a handsome new steel girder erection.

Good hauls of salmon have lately been obtained in the Esk, as well as sea trout, yellow trout, and herring. The salmon ranged from 8 to 25 pounds.

Misses Orr, of Volo, Largs, have presented a valuable service of communion plate to Largs Parish Church in memory of their brother, Rankine Orr.

Wightman, contractor, Stockbridge, Cockburnspath, had the contract for removing the big guns which lined the cliffs within the Castle Park, Dunbar.

Quite a sensation has been caused by the resignations of seven of the members of Falkirk Parish Kirk-Session, whose congregation is the largest in the town.

The Rev. R. J. Patterson, Armagh, and founder of the now-famous Catchmy-Pal movement, was the chief speaker at a temperance demonstration held in Hamilton.

Miss Evelyn T. H. Smith, Dunfermline, has been appointed instructor of physical culture in the schools under the Dumfries, Cardross, and Bonhill school boards.

R. Matthews, farmer, Dumfries, has raised an order for £2,500 damask in Dumfries sheriff court, against Dr. R. Scott, posting master, Newhall Terrace, for alleged slander.

A new route on the Glasgow corporation tramroad from Easterhouse to the Glasgow Road, Sanchiehall street, and Parliamentary road, to Alexandra Park, was opened.

A further batch of torpedo-workers from West Lothian, arrived at Glasgow, and were all successful in securing accommodation. Altogether, about 200 of the mechanics have come north.

LADY DALRYMPLE PRAISES SWIMMING

Offers Prizes to the Little Lads of Stranraer.

Lady Marjorie Dalrymple, who takes a great interest in swimming, has offered prizes to encourage the boys of Stranraer in the art of swimming.

The lockout in the ship-building industry affects the Ayrshire yards. At Troon, Ayr and Ardrossan, work has been interrupted.

Fleming & Fergusson, Paisley, have received an order to build and ship in pieces two steam barges for South American owners.

The induction of the Rev. William Muir, minister of Rothbury, to the ministry of South Shallowlands, U. F. Church, took place last week.

A harriers' club has been formed in Dalbeattie, and already a large number have joined it to be called the Craigmar Harriers.

While the Royal Italian Circus was visiting Dumfries a large elephant, dropped down dead.

Two Dumfries shopkeepers were each fined \$5 for keeping a larger supply of explosives in the stores than are permitted by the act.

A statue of Lord Kelvin, to be erected in Belfast, his birthplace, is now nearing completion in the studio of Albert Bruce-Joy of Glasgow.

Thomas Watson, of Churchill, Lanark, who died suddenly in his 76th year, was for many years one of Lanark's most prominent citizens.

On Saturday the remains of Sergeant D. Baird, a Crimean and Indian Mutiny veteran, were interred in Alexandria Cemetery, with military honors.

A compromise has been arranged between the Edinburgh Master Printers' Association, and the men's federation by which the dispute was settled.

Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION

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company and precious lives safeguarded whereas they might be jeopardized by employees who had not all their wits about them.

In the work of the various Associations great importance is laid upon capable supervision. Travelling secretaries are employed to give their whole time to the extension of the work to unorganized towns and the supervision of the societies already in existence.

While the Canadian Associations have always maintained close relations with those of the mother country, they have been in closer relations with those in the United States and with them form one international brotherhood.

Nor have the members in Canada been content to remain within their own borders but they have become interested in the young men in foreign mission lands and secretaries are being sent to India, China and other mission stations.

Talcott, C. H. Dodge, all of New York, and Robert Cluett, Troy.

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Preparations are being made already by the ostrich feather importers to meet the increased demand for plumes which is expected for the coronation season.

The weight of feathers is increasing with every sale at Mincing Lane and at the last bimonthly sale, which has just finished, the weight offered was 115,500 pounds, against 104,000 pounds in July.

Although the prices showed a decline on the average, the setback is only temporary, and already large orders are being received in the warehouses of Aldersgate street, where the ostrich feather dealers concentrate.

"The trade in ostrich plumes," one of the foremost merchants said, "is like the trade in diamonds. Its volume has depended hitherto on the prosperity of America. When things are good in America then trade is good for us."

"We are looking, however, for an improvement now, for ostrich plumes are likely to be the fashion next spring."

"The abolition of the large hat, in favor of the small turban shaped hat has meant a considerable loss to us, as the feather used in the small hat are chiefly small tail feathers instead of the large, sweeping wing feathers."

"What the public knows as plain 'ostrich feather,' a representative learned, is known by many names in the trade."

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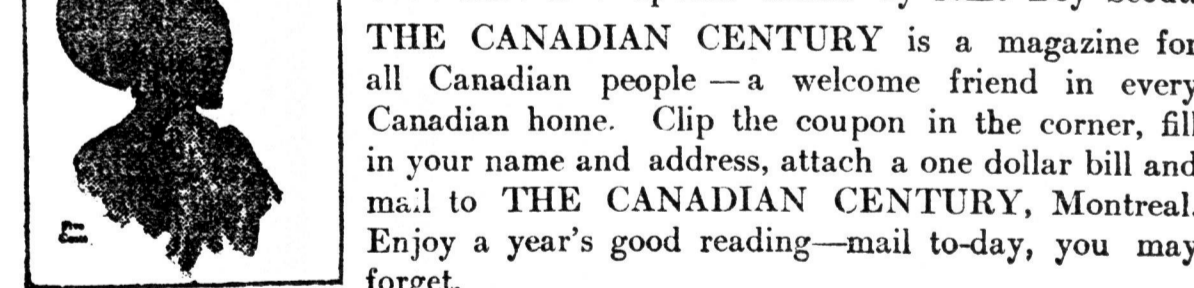
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