

A GLANCE AT LIFE IN GREAT BRITAIN---HAPPENINGS IN ENGLAND, IRELAND AND SCOTLAND BRIEFLY CHRONICLED

HAND-OVER-HAND

Dramatic Escape of Man in Elevator Shaft.

A lift attendant employed at the headquarters of the "B.-P." Boy Scouts, Victoria street, was descending in the lift on Sunday, when the hauling gear snapped. With great presence of mind he grasped the guide rope, while the lift, which had no roof, shot away from under him, and left him hanging in mid-air. He escaped unhurt by lowering himself hand-over-hand.

Some choice old wines were put up for auction at Christie's, the highest price realized being for two dozen bottles of Balfour's liqueur brandy (1801 vintage), which were knocked down at 28s. 6d. per bottle. For three dozen Pommery and Greno champagne (1882), 15s. a dozen was given.

McGregors to the number of 160 have lodged claims to be recognized as heirs to John McGregor, retired color mixer, 80 Middleton street, Alexandria, who died in 1887. His will, his estate is valued at £8,178.

The postmaster-general has issued a notice that all articles of any value intended to be sent by letter post from the United Kingdom to Gibraltar or to Morocco should be registered. There have been robberies recently from the Gibraltar mail.

At a dinner given in honor of Lieut. Shackleton at Prince's Restaurant on Tuesday, a model in sugar of the Nimrod occupied the centre of the table, and at each end of the table were blocks of ice representing the north and south poles.

Captain Boe, of the steamer Norge, and Miss Westering, who are both Norwegian, and who had not lived in Swansea long enough to obtain a marriage license, were married off that night on Monday in a tug which went out beyond the three mile limit.

The old-time custom of holding "a pudding" is to be revived after fifty years at Pailinton. This was decided upon at a meeting held at which a piece of the 1859 pudding was an object of interest.

Guildford rural district councillors have decided to prosecute the Duke of Northumberland on account of the village constable's bungalow, for which no water certificate has been first obtained.

Only 150 out of 1,500 miners employed by the Fife Coal Company have accepted the company's proposal to provide bathing accommodation for its employees at a cost of one penny each per week.

Princess Louise made a farewell inspection of her regiment, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, at Chatham on Tuesday, prior to the departure of the regiment for foreign service.

Despite the fact that Prestatyn has a population of several thousands, and is a growing seaside resort, it has only one policeman.

A dog which had been washed in paraffin was set alight by a spark at Kingston, and rushed into a storeroom full of inflammable material, which caught fire and was destroyed.

Fined 5s and 5d costs at Grimsby, Home's Empson of Cleethorpe, tendered payment in three-penny pieces, which the police refused to accept. "I am advised that three-penny pieces are legal tender up to two pounds," said Empson, "and I shall not tender the money again."

DOG GAVE THE ALARM

And Plucky Policeman Saved the Family.

The caretaker of the Normanton Town Club, with his wife and child, would have been suffocated on Tuesday but for the alarm given by the howling of their pet dog in a burning storeroom. Hearing the dog, a police officer went through the flames to rescue the three occupants.

The late Lord Sheffield left estate of a gross value of £126,994.

Salaries of the royal household amount to £192,000 annually.

At Rothwell, in Yorkshire, it is stated that young people are delaying getting married because there are no houses to let.

The new covered wholesale market for Birkenhead has been opened by the mayor in the presence of a representative gathering.

Hay cutting was seen in more than one Cheshire district on June 16. This is unusually early.

A building attacked Mrs. Harry Lauder, wife of the Scottish comedian, while she was conveying it home. She had to be taken to the hospital.

The Besses of the Barn Bank will make another trip to Australia and New Zealand, leaving Lancashire in the autumn. They may call at South Africa on the outward journey.

By their decisive victory over the All-England team at Hurlingham, the American poloists won back the international cup, which crossed the ocean 23 years ago.

It has been estimated that if all the main roads of England and Wales were treated annually with gas-tar, one-fourth of the present production of tar in the United Kingdom would be absorbed.

Dr. Alex. Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, has arrived in London. Although regarded as an American extraction, Dr. Bell was born at Edinburgh, and educated in that city, and at University College, London.

A London clerk named Jefferies was picked up by a cargo boat four miles off Littlehampton, drifting in the Channel for eight hours. He left Bognor in a small boat, and by accident lost both ears. He was taken to Poole, whence he returned to London.

During the proceedings of the select committee of the daylight saving bill, Mr. Churchill came into the committee room, and asked the loan of Mr. Kavanagh in order to make up a quorum for the standing committee.

on the marine policies bill. "I have failed to find any authority to show that letters written and guaranteed, or anything else, unless it can be proved that it was received," Judge Smyly declared at the Bow county court.

The Willesden guardians have placed all the able-bodied male paupers to cultivate the land, and have now decided to divide the workhouse grounds into allotments, and to let them to workmen living in the neighborhood.

The annual report of the Manchester corporation tramways committee shows a gross profit of £279,108, of which £70,000 goes to the reduction of rates. Since the system was started in 1901, a sum of £377,000 has been paid in rates relief.

\$870 FOR A PENNY

Big Price for Copper Coin Found at Dorking.

Hull city council purpose spending \$25,000 for a municipal organ.

It is proposed to establish a meteorological station at Huddersfield. Swallowing a farthing caused the death of Ellen Conroy, 2, of Canning town.

Twelve hundred years old, the church of Kirkdale, near Kirby Moorside, is to be restored.

Mr. A. G. Ellis, of the British Museum, has been appointed assistant librarian at the India office.

The Rev. Lancelot Lewis, vicar of St. Martin's, Cardiff, shot himself in his vicarage.

Mr. William Metcalfe, who composed the famous hunting song, "John Peel," died at Carlisle, aged 89.

Mrs. Ann Roberts has died at Oswestry workhouse in her 101st year.

The King has sent \$1,235 to the building fund of St. Barnabas Church in the working class district to Epson.

In a London saleroom on Monday, a silver penny, found at Dorking in 1817, realized \$870.

A kettle of boiling water, which a Liverpool man named Michael Jones, threw after his wife as she fled from the house, scalded two boys who were passing, and Jones was sent to jail for six weeks for assault.

One hundred and seventeen miners living in the Tyneside village of Swallow, and employed at a local colliery, were a fortnight ago committed to prison for seven days, in default of non-payment of fines for having absented themselves from work.

Manchester county police have instructions to take all drunken men home when they can ascertain their addresses, instead of locking them up. It is perhaps the cheapest and most comfortable way in the end for both parties.

A campaign has begun in connection with the forthcoming triennial election of the Battersea borough council.

Through licking the inside of a tin that had contained weed-killer, seven cows have died at Hawkstone, Shropshire.

A 16th century silver gilt standing cup and cover, 11 inches high, was sold at Christie's in London for \$2,400.

It is now being decided that the opening of the lady chapel of the new Liverpool Cathedral should take place on June 23, 1910.

A Liverpool constable who had trouble with a prisoner, took him to the police station eventually by means of the jitsu-jitsu lock.

"There is no such thing as a free milk in London," said counsel in an advertisement case at the Stratford police court.

About \$140,000 had been received from various London churches at the Mansion House by Saturday for the Hospital Sunday fund.

King Edward has forwarded a donation of 25 guineas towards the building fund of the new church of St. Barnabas, Epson.

Damage to the extent of £200,000 was caused recently by a fire at a paint manufacturers' wharf by the riverside at Cubitt Town.

Five railway men were poisoned, one fatally, by drinking a bottle of beer they found near the track at Tyler Hill, near Canterbury.

WITCHES IN ENGLAND

Strange Stories Still Gain Credence.

Dr. Jamieson arrived in England recently in connection with the passing of the South African union bill by the Imperial Parliament.

Tariff reform resolutions were proposed from seven platforms and passed unanimously at a tariff reform fete held recently at Chatham.

Princess Christian visited Sandgate to open the new military hospital, which has been erected in connection with Shorncliffe camp.

Private Richard James Smith, of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, died at Forton Barracks from injuries received while walking in his sleep.

The Crown Prince of Sweden will be present at the opening of the international congress on alcoholism on July 19, at the Imperial Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd-George were presented recently at the unveiling of a memorial to their daughter, at the Calvinistic Methodist chapel, Battersea.

Almondbury Grammar School, Huddersfield, this year celebrates its tercentenary, the school having been founded in 1609 under an order issued by James I.

Some of the old stories of the prevalence of witchcraft in Somerset, and of strange medical beliefs common in the county, were told at a meeting of teachers at Bury, near Dulverton, on Saturday.

At Sotheby's London saleroom the other day Burford, an autograph of the poet, was sold for £100. Mr. Kavanagh in order to make up a quorum for the standing committee.

£146, and a Burns letter to David Blair, of Birmingham, on a sheet of excise paper, £61.

Thomas Fuller, a young police constable, stationed at Kentish Town, was committed for trial at Marylebone police court recently on five charges of theft and one of assault.

At the sale of the Rashleigh collection of British coins at Sotheby's on Monday a gold noble of Henry IV. brought £61, a silver half-groat of the same reign £30 10s, and a groat £24 5s. A silver penny of Richard III. brought £25 10s.

A baby seal was killed on the beach at Holy Island on Tuesday by a boatman, named John Markwell. It measured 2 feet 6 inches and weighed three stone. The fishery board gave a reward of 15s for the production of the seal.

The vigilance of the Thames Conservancy has so far prevented any floods on the river banks, in spite of the extraordinary rainfall. Over the whole Thames watershed inspectors are engaged to watch carefully the effect of the rainfall on the tributaries, and to advise the chief inspector, who is in constant communication with the Conservancy authorities in London.

To assist lock-keepers the Conservancy makes use of telephones, and lock-keepers may remain on duty all night to avert the floods so destructive to summer crops.

Lord North has resigned the chairmanship of the Warwickshire hunt committee, after having been connected with the hunt for sixty years, during the masterships of the present Lord Willoughby de Broke, his father, and grandfather.

The report for 1908 of the mission to Lepers in India and the east, issued from the London office in Henrietta street, tells of work in seventy-three stations and among 7,355 lepers. The society has offered to admit the Chinese leper discovered in Cardiff to one of its Chinese asylums.

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\$5,000 FOR SIXPENCE

Remarkable Insurance Claim—A Widow Wins.

The House of Lords has decided that Mrs. Hunter, the widow of a commercial traveller, is entitled to £1,000 under an insurance policy. The husband bought in 1905 a six-penny Lett's diary for 1906, which contained a coupon policy in which the General Accident and Life Assurance Company promised to pay £1,000 to the executors if the holder were killed in a railway accident, and if the claim were made within twelve months. Mr. Hunter filled up the form on Dec. 25, 1905, and an official acknowledgment was received from the company dated Dec. 29, 1905. The holder of the policy was injured in the railway collision at Elliot Junction, and died on Dec. 29, 1906. The widow claimed the £1,000, which the insurance company refused to pay, claiming that the policy had expired, but the House of Lords declared that the widow was entitled to the money on the ground that the date of registration of the insurance was the date when the bundle of receipts was alphabetically arranged and filed.

In connection with the bi-centenary of the birth of Dr. Samuel Johnson there will be held in September at Lichfield an exhibition of Johnsonian manuscripts, books, portraits, pictures, relics, etc. The mayor of Lichfield appeals to all who possess mementoes of the English writer to be exhibited.

The English revenue for the first quarter of the financial year 1909-1910 shows an increase as compared with the corresponding period of last year, amounting to £1,382,065. Only certain additions to taxation under the budget became operative at once. The increase for the year will be attributed in the main to the "windfall" from Mr. Morrison, the millionaire.

A Bristol child named Florence Evelyn Sparrow, aged 2 years and 4 months, who was put to bed on Friday evening, slept soundly in spite of the attempts of her parents and a medical man until Monday morning, a period of about 62 hours.

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was read in the sacristy by the Rev. W. O'Donnell, for the clergy of the city.

A porter named John Dolan, in the employment of the Hibernian Bank, Dublin, who brought an action for damages against Mr. William H. V. Jackson, of Innes, Rosser, County Tipperary, for personal injuries sustained by him by being knocked down by the defendant's car in College Green, Dublin, in May last, has agreed to take £185 from Mr. Jackson in settlement of the claim, the defendant to pay costs.

A process-server recently visited the tenants of Lord Clonbrock in the agent's motor car, and served a large number of tenants with processes for rent due. On the previous day several seizures were effected on the same estate. The sub-sheriff, with a large party, visited the tenants of the same estate very early in the morning, and made several seizures of stock to satisfy decrees. Some of the animals were afterwards released on payment of the rent, but the remainder were driven to the pound, where a large crash was caused by the poor party, but no disturbance took place.

During the past year 480,685 dogs registered in Ireland.

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford is by birth a Dublin man, which probably accounts for the fact that he has done so much to popularize Irish music in England.

David Porter, ex-assistant Belfast rate collector, whose defalcations exceed £5,700, and for whose apprehension Belfast corporation offered £250 reward, is reported to have been arrested in Buenos Ayres.

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