

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

ENGLAND

DIAMOND WEDDING

King George Sends a Congratulatory Message to an Aged Couple.

The King has sent a congratulatory message to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shute, North Chideock, North Bristol, on the occasion of their diamond wedding.

It has been announced in the House of Commons that nickel pennies and two-penny halfpenny coins will not be in circulation in this country.

The flower girls round the base of the Shaftesbury Fountain, Piccadilly, are again threatened with removal. Among them is Mary Connard, aged 72 years. She has sold flowers in the circus for over 40 years. She has two daughters working on the same stand, one of whom is 40 years of age. In spite of her advanced age, she attends Covent Garden every morning at 5 o'clock to purchase her flowers.

Mrs. Elizabeth Greer, the oldest living show proprietor in the world, who has just celebrated her 92nd year, as never known what it is to live in a house. She has lived in the reigns of six sovereigns—George III., George IV., William IV., Queen Victoria, Edward VII., and George V.—and has seen them all.

There has been an amusing sequel to the publication of the police case at Kingston in which a college man, charged with smashing a window, was charged with having been in the room. He gave the assumed name of Westwood, because he did not want his friends to know that he was in trouble. Mr. Nathan, the court missionary, who took an interest in Westwood, had received no fewer than nine letters from women in various parts of the country claiming Westwood as their missing husband.

Arthur Charles Haley, aged 30, the British consular agent at Cardiff, was charged with having been in the room. He thought "she was going the same way as himself," was at the Kent assizes ordered to be kept in custody in a criminal lunatic asylum during the trial. He was found guilty of murder, but insane.

Mr. Greenwood's bill, which has passed the House of Commons, to stop the evils of the worn-out horse traffic, was read a second time in the House of Lords.

DESERTERS PARDONED

Gracious Offer Extended by the King to Army Delinquents.

Mr. Haldane states that deserters from the army will be granted a pardon by the King if they surrender before July 22 at home, of Sept. 23 abroad.

Caldy Island, off the Pembroke-shire coast, which is inhabited by Benedictine monks, is exempt from all rates and taxes.

The landlord of the Red Lion, Sutton, Surrey, was granted an occasional license at the petty sessions for a late at Belbilton vicarage, in aid of the Diocesan Home for Friendless Girls, the chairman remarking that the license was a ticket-of-leave man without a doubt everything would be quite in order.

Mr. Harry William Worth, member of the United Patternmakers' Association, asked Mr. Justice Parker, in the chancery division, for a declaration that his union was not entitled to apply any part of its funds towards the candidature and maintenance of members of Parliament. The association entered no defence, and the application was granted with an injunction to restrain the union from paying members of Parliament.

Mark Dorrington, who had an Essex quarter sessions sentence of six years' penal servitude passed upon him, got it reduced by the court of appeal to six months' hard labor. He had stolen his father's watch and also six shillings from his sister. The court held that the quarter sessions had failed to take into consideration the fact that Dorrington was a ticket-of-leave man with an unexpired term of 270 days. He ought not, therefore, to have been treated as an habitual criminal.

Lord Kenyon, who has just reached the age of 46, is the tallest member of the House of Lords. His height is 6 feet 4 inches.

MOSTLY CONSUMPTIVE

Only Two Per Cent of Bermondsey's Population Free From Infection.

Dr. R. K. Brown, Bermondsey medical officer of health, in his last report said that only about 2 per cent of the population were quite free from the tubercle infection during some period of their lives. Infection acquired in childhood might not appear till middle life.

Reporting to the borough council the woman sanitary inspector for Bethnal Green states that in the course of her duties she found two newly-born children being fed on oatmeal, while a 15-day-old child was given a piece of pork to suck.

After 61 years' postal service, Mrs. Lucy Louisa Cabot, has resigned the position of postmistress of Southwest Sussex. Her late husband was Captain Charles Cabot, a descendant of the celebrated nineteenth century explorer, Sebastian Cabot.

A woman named Hannah Owen was standing on her doorstep in Water street, Carmarthen, when she saw a 5-year-old girl knocked down by a motor car. She rushed forward, pulled the child towards her, and took her into the house, where she found the child was only scratched on the arm. The incident, however, had such an effect on the woman that she fell dead. She leaves five children.

Time works wonders. A Birmingham man, who has found it necessary to seek court protection explains that he borrowed £10 four years ago, has repaid £40, and still owes £11.

Manchester Labor Exchange has filled a novel vacancy. A man was wanted accustomed to lead elephants

through crowds of people. Out of four applicants, the berth was given to a man with five years' experience with an Indian elephant battery.

Picking up pieces of corsets which she had worn for over a twelve months, a woman named Fordham, of Hockstock, was surprised to find ten sovereigns, wrapped in tissue paper, neatly stitched up in them. She paid 2d for the corsets at a sale.

The boys in Marden, Kent, can combine profit with sport, the Fruit Growers' Association having offered a penny each for queen wasps. Already the scholars of Marden National School have brought upwards of 600 to their headmaster, who is deputed to receive them and give the reward.

The statement of the British Board of Trade shows increases of £14,624,000 in imports and £26,408,000 in exports. The principal increase in imports was in raw material, and manufacture previously showed the largest gain in the exports.

PLAGUED WITH FLIES

A Riverside Village Near Norwich Affected on Account of Insect Pests.

The riverside village of Postwich, four miles from Norwich, is suffering from a plague of flies. All the houses have been kept closed, and the flies make it intolerable for anyone to go in the evening.

In order that the Jewish colony in London may have a regular supply of beef from Somerset, it is proposed to erect a Jewish slaughterhouse at Everecree Junction, in which 120 beasts a week will be slaughtered in accordance with Jewish custom.

A floating dock, built for the Brazilian Government by Messrs. Vickers, Sons & Maxim, left Barrow-in-Furness for Rio de Janeiro. The towing of the dock will take about 70 days, and cost about £36,000.

The London alien immigration board rejected a Russian who had come over with a double passport. The Russian, Colonel Poff, the director of the syndicate, having arranged to bring on the scene some native divers who had been in the Ceylon pearl-fishing.

A novel labor exchange has been decided upon by the Upper House of the Convocation of Canterbury. It will be known as the Parsons' Labor Exchange.

A new device for robbing flats was hit upon by a man who is now in jail in Cardiff. Dressed as a working man and carrying a bucket filled with a mysterious compound, he was in the habit of calling at flats saying that he had been sent by the landlord to winnow the place. During the operation such an unpleasant smell was emitted that the tenant hastily decamped to the room farthest removed from the scene of "disinfection," leaving the coast clear for the burglar. Finally he went to a flat which happened to be occupied by a landlord himself, and a few minutes afterwards he was handed over to the police.

VANISHED INNS

Devonshire's Licensed Houses Continue Decreasing in Number.

On Jan. 1 last there were 1,796 licensed houses in Devonshire—a reduction of 114 compared with 1903. One hundred licenses have lapsed or been cancelled, only eight new ones having been granted.

A pet lamb kept by a butcher at Longridge, near Preston, can be seen daily standing at his side in the shop, surrounded by a flock of sheep and lambs. It is fond of playing with a large collie dog and with children.

James Grieve, who lives on the Loch Ecksdale, and is the oldest living Scotsman, at the great age of one hundred and nine, has taken to his bed. He fears he will never rise again.

For her prompt action in ordering the children to leave the classroom during a thunderstorm just before part of the ceiling fell down, a teacher was complimented by the Southgate education committee.

The Commercial Cable Company has laid a new submarine cable from Waterbury, Ireland, to Weston-super-Mare, England, where it is connected with London by underground wires. A warship was seen lately over the sea between Heacham and Hunstanton. It dispersed near Hunstanton Pier, but a whirlwind passed over the beach. Two waterpumps passed over Belton, near Yarmouth.

Orsett, Essex, board of guardians decided that in future no person ineligible to an indoor penitentiary should be compelled to contribute towards the keep of a relative receiving relief.

The postmaster-general has decided to reinstate the postmaster of Lytchett Minster, suspended for displaying a Conservative poster on the private part of his shop during the election campaign, on a promise not to repeat the offence.

IRELAND

DESTRUCTIVE STORMS

North of Ireland Suffers—Bi-Lingual System for the Schools.

The north of Ireland has again suffered some damage from thunderstorms, accompanied by hail. Hundreds of trees were killed by hailstones in the Seavon, Lisnagade and Ballyvansky districts. Windows were broken and thatch torn off houses. Flax, potato and other crops were entirely destroyed, while fruit trees were severely damaged. An excellent constable named Brennan, who was working on the road at Knockcroghery, County Roscommon, was struck by lightning, and instantly killed.

A farmhouse close to Gormanston was struck and the farm, the house and the children, who were at tea, had barely time to escape.

The senate of the National University of Ireland have decided that Irish should be an essential subject for matriculation from 1913. The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, presided at the meeting. The question was discussed at considerable length, and a division was taken when 21 senators voted for the adoption of Irish as an essential subject and 12 voted against. The treasurer

of the Gaelic League told a representative of the "Irish Independent" that the senate's decision was one of the most effective struck on behalf of the language during the last 20 years. The gentleman said: "In twenty years, as the result of today's proceedings, you will see a change in Ireland. There are now 150 schools in which the bilingual systems is at work, and out of the 8,000 national schools in Ireland there are 3,000 in which the Irish tongue is taught."

In proportion to its population, Ireland supplies very few sailors to the royal navy. The number of boys who joined within the last two years was only 211, as compared with 3,349 for Great Britain. In the same period 318 second-class stokers were enlisted in Ireland, and 7,488 in Great Britain. There is no naval training ship on the Irish coast, the number of boys joining in Ireland being too small to justify it.

Near Roscommon the other day, a young man named Fox, and his brother were clearing a turf bank, when the former slipped off the bank and fell into a deep hole of water and liquid bog. His brother, unable to extricate him, ran for assistance, but before it arrived Fox had sunk, to be drowned in a lake of liquid mud.

The court of appeal at London has upheld the decision of the Irish probate court that a bequest in trust of £4,000 made by Miss Alice Swift for a home for starving and abandoned cats and dogs and £100 for reward for persons who prosecuted successfully individuals guilty of cruelty to those animals was legal. The next of kin contested the will on the ground that its provision indicated weakness of mind.

COL. PLUNKETT'S PLAN

Scheme for Removal of Ireland's Ills—Two Radical Changes Urged.

Col. G. T. Plunkett, in a letter to the Morning Post, puts forward a scheme by which Ireland's grievances may be done away with forever, without granting the country a separate legislature. In his opinion, the chief strength of the Irish separatist party lies in the fact that many of the inhabitants of Great Britain, and a still larger proportion of the English-speaking peoples beyond the seas, believe that Ireland is governed despotically by Englishmen, and denied rights which are enjoyed by the English and Scottish subjects of the King. He thinks it of the first importance to remove all ground for such belief, and to make it patent to the world that no inequality exists. The changes which he advocates are: The abolition of the viceregalty, and the repeal of every species of criminal act or separate criminal law for Ireland. He also thinks that more frequent visits paid to Ireland by the sovereign or her apparent would have a good effect.

For the year ending April 30, £2,600,000 duty was paid on Irish whiskey, as against £2,418,000 for the previous year, showing a falling off over one and a half million pounds since the introduction of Mr. Lloyd George's budget. William O'Brien, replying to a question put by a member who has approached him on the subject, says that the whiskey duties, by the help of the Irish members, have now become part of the settled law of the land, and can only be removed by a new act of Parliament.

The use of finger prints as an aid to the detection of criminals was shown in a remarkable manner at Dublin last week, when a prisoner named Keegan was sentenced to five years' imprisonment for breaking into a church. On the broken window was found a finger mark, which was identified as the prisoner's in the habitual criminals' register department of Dublin Castle. The head of that department said that about 15,000 finger prints had passed through his hands, and no two had ever been found alike. This system of identification had now superseded all other methods, and he believed it to be infallible.

Since 1876 the cultivated area of Ireland has dwindled from about 4,000,000 acres to 2,000,000.

An Irish chirpologist announced that he had "removed" corns from all the corned heads of Europe.

There was a very large attendance at St. Enoch's Church, Belfast, on a recent Sunday evening, to hear Rev. Robert Johnston, M.A., D.D., of Montreal, late of London, Ont.

An active special constable of the Belfast corporation, Mr. Harold J. Tatton, of that city, was appointed public analyst, in succession to the late Professor Barkley.

An Irish peasant witness in an Irish election case said: "I was in a motor car. It was the first time I had been in one. The ditches were running one way, and we were running the other."

In declaring Mr. Eugene O'Sullivan's election void, the judges who heard the East Kerry parliamentary election petition commented in severe terms upon a speech in which Mr. O'Sullivan had referred to moonlighting outrages, and which was regarded as intimidatory.

A terrible tragedy occurred at Ballydrum, Swineford, County Mayo, as a result of which three children, Catherine, Mary and Eddie Moore are dead, while a fourth child, Annie Moore, was seriously injured. Their father, Thomas Moore, who has vanished, is said to have been the assailant. Just before the crime, Moore sent his eldest son to a neighbor with a message, and on his return the lad found the house surrounded by a crowd of people. He saw his father attacking the children. Moore and his wife lived unhappily, and a short time ago the latter left for the United States. Moore, who recently returned from America, is about 45 years of age.

Wire Wounds

My mare, a very valuable one, was badly bruised and cut by being caught in a wire fence, and the wound was not healed, although I tried many different medicines. Dr. Bell advised me to use LINNARD'S LINIMENT, diluted at first, then stronger as the sores began to look better, until after three weeks the sores have healed, and the hair is growing well, and is NOT WHITE, as is most always the case in horse wounds.

Weymouth, E. M. DOUGLAS.

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With an income of £23,539 10s 9d the Montrose Asylum has closed the financial year with a loss of £1,052.

In China there is no law against child labor. In the Shanghai cotton mills hundreds of girls and children are employed. Their wages are from four to twenty cents a day.

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GOLD IN A CAVERN

Dream That Led a Man to Treasure Near His Birthplace.

Thomas L. Rodgers, who gives High Point, N. C., as his home address, publishes in the latest issue of the Rogersville Herald, at Rogersville, Tenn., what he avers to be a true story of how he recently discovered \$90,000 in gold coin in a cave near the Clinch River in Hancock County, Tenn.

It was there he spent his childhood, and he states that in a dream it was revealed to him that in the rock near his childhood home was stored a large amount of gold. Rodgers tells that so thoroughly impressed was he with the dream that he left his North Carolina home and explored the cave. He tells that in a great room, not unlike a theatre, he discovered an old kettle turned upside down, and inside the chamber he found about 10,000 gold coins, and other evidence that it was used as a place of refuge during the civil war. Near the kettle was a skeleton, and on a piece of slate beside the skeleton was carved this inscription:

The first white man reading these lines will find \$90,000 in coin under this kettle. Take this money, bury this body in a lonely spot on top of Clinton Ridge, and peace shall be yours the remainder of your days."

Rodgers, who describes himself as now an old man, avers that he carried out the wish expressed on the inscription, and with the gold in his possession returned to North Carolina. He states that he published his experience in the Rogersville paper that the friends of his childhood might know of his good luck, declaring he had been a poor laboring man up to that time.

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