IF HOME RULE, WHY NOT ALL?

Scotland Favors It Only as Part of General Scheme

Opposes Present Plan, but Lords Not Making Headway

Novelist Announces He'll Vote for Liberal or Laborite

TORONTO, Jan. 3.—Lyon cables to the Globe from Ayrshire, the west of Scotland will not vote with a single eye to the issue of the Lords versus budget. Many Liberals here are greatly opposed to Irish home rule, except as part of a general scheme to give all divisions of Great Britain and Ireland control of local affairs, leaving the imperial parliament to attend to imperial affairs. This feeling unquestionably lessens Liberal enthusiasm in Ayrshire and adjacent counties. So far, however, there is no sign that the Lords are making any headway in Scotland generally, in the fight against the House of Commons. I can find no one in a responsible position who anticipates victory for the upper house.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Maurice Henry Hewlitt, the novelist, has entered the election fight with a two column manifesto addressed to "workingmen of England," in which, describing himself as "one of yourselves, gaining my livelihood by the work of my head and hands," he reminds the workers that they form the overwhelming majority of the electorate and can gain everything they want by two strokes of the pencil in the polling booth.

Mr. Hewlitt proceeds to declare that he belongs to no party, but intends to vote for a Liberal or Laborite, because: "First, the House of Lords is a preposterous assembly, which has become dangerous to the state and must be abolished in favor of an elected body; second, because tariff reform is the hopeless policy of reaction, whose advocacy by the Conservatives is due to washy sentimentalism and vile self-interest in equal party.

Couldn't Get Strong

DIGESTIVE AND LIVER TROUBLES CURED.

"I was never actually sick," writes Mrs. La Pierre, wife of a well-known resident of Labeniene, "yet I never could get strong like other women. I ate well enough, but somehow blood rich and red I could never make. When I married I took a great pride in my housekeeping, but it kept me tired all the time. Mrs. Lechance, my neighbor, looked well—she told me her health had been made by Dr. Hamilton's Pills. I only thought of pills as a physic, but now I know that Dr. Hamilton's Pills are more, for they quickened my stomach, liver and bowels—made me stouter and stronger, gave me such color in my cheeks as I never had before. They do good to parts in ways I need not mention in this letter, but I sincerely believe Dr. Hamilton's Pills should be used at regular intervals by every woman—that's why I write this letter.

No medicine invigorates a woman like Dr. Hamilton's Pills. 25c. per box, all dealers, or The Catarrhozone Co., Kingston, Canada.

ARRIVE BY TEAM LOADS WITH FOOD FOR DAY

Wave of Religious Excitement Sweeps Victoria County—Ten Ministers on Deck.

PERTH JUNCTION, N. B., Jan. 3.—For the past four days a wave of religious excitement has been sweeping the usual serenity of this village, and the whole countryside for a radius of seven miles. The Primitive Baptist and also the Holiness Church are holding their quarterly meetings. The Holiness Church has been attracting by far the greater crowd. Revs. Percy Trafton, Bennett Trafton, Robert Clark and seven other ministers are holding the crowds in that church. The people arrive in team loads each morning provided with provisions for the day, which they eat in the church between the services. One old lady who was absent from the church for a few minutes now mourns the disappearance of her teapot, which she left on the stove for her dinner. A great many from Hartland, Wicklow, and Fort Fairfield are in attendance. It is not known how long the meetings will continue.

PAT AND THE DUTCH.

A stranger in Milwaukee, seeing an Irishman at work in the streets, asked him what was the population of the town.

"Oh, about forty thousand," was the reply.

"Forty thousand! It must certainly have more than that," said the visitor.

"Well," said the Irishman, "it wud be about two hundred and seventy-five thousand if ye were to count the Dutch."

THREE TRUST COMPANIES IN GIANT MERGER

Morgan and Ryan in Big Deal

RESOURCES $150,000,000

Three Big Companies Are Brought Under One Head

PHOTO BY DAVIS & SANFORD

Thomas F. Ryan

NEW YORK, Jan. 3—J. Pierpont Morgan, Thomas F. Ryan and Levi P. Morgan linked hands in New York today in a trust company merger, probably the largest of its kind in the United States, with united resources of $150,000,000. It is a triple combination, bringing the Guaranty Trust Company, the Morton Trust Company, and the Fifth Avenue Trust Company, all of this city, under one head, with the title of the Guaranty Trust Company.

Directors of all three companies met today and informally approved the terms of the merger.

Levi P. Morton, who is President of the Morton Trust Company and the Fifth Avenue Trust Company — both known as Morton-Ryan concerns — has consented to act as chairman of the board of the merged companies, for which no president has yet been selected.

This new event in finance follows the recent absorption of the Guaranty Trust Company by the so-called Morgan interests. The Guaranty Trust Co. has deposits of more than $88,000,000. The Morton Trust Company's deposits aggregate more than $45,000,000. Like the Guaranty Trust Company, its capital and surplus are $2,000,000.

The Fifth Avenue Trust Company is one of the better known up-town financial institutions, with a capital and surplus of $1,000,000 each. The capital stock of the new company will probably be fixed at $5,000,000 with perhaps a like amount for surplus. It is believed that the merger will involve large stock and cash dividends to the shareholders of the three companies.

ARE SUNDAYS TO BE DRY OR WET?

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The quips of Mayor Gaynor continues to enliven New York. To-day he sent the following letter to Wm. G. Edwards, commissioner of street cleaning, better remembered as "Big Bill" Edwards, the former Princeton football player:—

"My dear commissioner, take on a few more football players and maybe you will be better yet.—Sincerely yours, William J. Gaynor."

The statement given out yesterday by Mayor Gaynor seemed to indicate that Edwards would be removed. Therefore "Big Bill" had no comment to make to-day on the Mayor's letter.

Next week will test the new Mayor's quality with regard to one of the most important questions of policy, a matter he must decide—is this to be a "wide, open, or closed town. Are Sundays to be 'dry,' or 'wet'?" To all inquiries to-day he begged to be excused from any immediate expression of opinion.

Herman Ridder, publisher of the Statis Teitung, declined to-day to be commissioner of parks for Manhattan and the burough of Richmond. The newly elected Board of Aldermen took its first test vote to-day, and the alignment showed a Democratic majority of four—41 Democrats against 37 Fusionists.

ENGLAND FORCED AUSTRIA'S HAND.

VIENNA, Jan. 3—During a debate in the Reichstrath Count Pininski said that the unsatisfactory state of Austria's finances was due to the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which, he said, might have been attained in a much less expensive manner if the other powers, especially England, had not forced Austria's hand. The speaker added that relations between the two countries had now become somewhat better and the traditional friendship of Austria and England, it was to be hoped, would be renewed. The Count expressed the hope that Austria would be able to accomplish the important, splendid mission of mitigating the menacing tension between Germany and England.

Disguised in Garb of Boy Suffragette Seeks Premier

MISS JESSIE KENNEY, SUFFRAGETTE, AND DISGUISE SHE ADOPTED.

At the right of the group of two messengers is Miss Kenney, in the uniform in which she tried to enter the Premier's meeting at Albert Hall. Beside her is a real telegraph messenger.

Militant suffragettes in England are waging their campaign for the ballot by resorting to novel measures to bring their cause to the attention of men high in the councils of the government.

The most notable episode of this nature recently was the course followed by Miss Jessie Kenney. Attired in a telegraph messenger's uniform the young woman tried to enter a meeting held by the Premier, Mr. Asquith, at Albert Hall, London. Her disguise was cleverly gotten up, but she was detected before she had passed the attendants stationed at the doors.

Another case of interest to the British people was the arrest and imprisonment of Mrs. Marie Leigh, and her subsequent suit for damages against the Right Hon. H. J. Gladstone, the Home Secretary, Capt. Percy Green, Governor of the Winsor Green Prison, Birmingham, and Dr. Ernest Hasiar Helby, medical officer of the prison. The suit was tried in the Lord Chief Justice's Court, and some highly interesting testimony regarding the treatment Mrs. Leigh received in jail was brought out.

Mrs. Leigh, after her commitment to the prison refused to take food. On the stand she declared that gruel and bread were put before her for breakfast, potatoes and bread for dinner, and gruel and bread for supper, but she refused to touch them.

She said she was then taken to a room where were assembled a group of wardresses and two physicians. She was directed to sit down in an armchair, and an attempt, according to her testimony, was made to force food into her mouth.

Subsequently, she said, she was held by force while a pasal tube was forced into her nose and she was compelled to receive food in this manner. The forcible feeding was continued until her release from prison, Mrs. Leigh said. She had been sentenced to serve four months at hard labor, but her term was shortened, though she expressed her willingness to remain in prison.

The jurors returned a verdict against Mrs. Leigh without leaving their seats.

CHILDREN SOLD INTO VIRTUAL SLAVERY THERE

Italian Government Seeks to Put a Stop to Terrilbe Condition of Affairs

ROME, Jan. 3—The Italian Government is enforcing stringent measures for the suppression of the traffic in children under age by the glass-working industry in France. The minister of the interior, in a letter to all the prefects in the kingdom, states that an exhaustive official inquiry has shown the existence of an appalling condition of affairs.

Agents of this odious sweating system are in the habit of touring Italian country districts for the purpose of bargaining with poor parents and guardians for the possession of their children for a term of years.

If successful, the children are packed off to the glass foundries, especially in Southern France, where they are utterly at the mercy of their "captors." They are subjected to a life of heart-rending slavery and ill-treatment.

The ministerial decree severely censures the mayors or local authorities, but for whose connivance or culpable negligence, it says, such acts on the part of the inhuman parents could not have been possible.

FOUND FREEZING TO DEATH BY ROADSIDE

SACKVILLE, N. B., Jan. 3.—Sheltered behind an overturned pung, a man and woman giving the name of Crossman were found by the roadside at the lower part of Jolicure last Friday. The woman's condition was serious owing to the exposure undergone, and today she was taken to Moncton Hospital, where at least one limb will be amputated. The pair were found by men engaged in breaking the roads. They were in such a condition owing to the cold and lack of nourishment as to be unable to give any clear explanation as to how their unfortunate plight had been brought about. The horse which had been attached to the sleigh was found standing nearby. Medical attention was given them as soon as possible, but, as stated, it is feared that the woman's condition will prove very serious.

After an absence of sixteen years, thirteen of them spent in the Klondyke, John Wheaton returned to Sackville on Christmas Day. After leaving Sackville years ago Wheaton struck for the West. For a time he was in Seattle and later on he was one of a party which went over to Siberia. When the first big gold strike was made in the Klondyke in 1898 Wheaton was one of the men who set out to try his fortune in that land. Since that time he has been engaged in gold mining there, and it is understood that he has met with a considerable measure of success. Of late he has been living near Circle City, which is far to the north in distant territory. That he is some distance away from the East may be gathered from the fact that forty days were required for the trip which brought Mr. Whaeton home for Christmas.

WEDDINGS

WRY - SAUNDERS.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Jan. 3—Announcement has been made of the marriage at St. Stephen's manse, Amherst, on December eighth, of Bessie G. Wry, to Frank F. Saunders. Rev. Anderson Rogers, B. A., was the officiating clergyman. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wry, of Sackville. Mr. Saunders is a Sydney young man who was recently employed here. He now lives in Amherst.

ALLEN - MITTON.

A very pretty wedding took place last week at the residence of Mr. and Mrs Hiram Allen, Port Elgin, when their only daughter, Helena May was united in marriage to Hedley D. Mitton, of Bayfield. The bride was attended by Miss Mary B. Read. The wedding march was rendered by Miss Mary Mitton, and the groom was supported by Horatio N. Mitton. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. William Allen, brother of the bride, assisted by Rev. A. E. Chapman and Rev. P. Fitzpatrick.

COLPITTS—COLLICUTT.

MAPLETON, Jan. 1, 1910.—A very interesting event was witnessed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Colpitts on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 29, when their eldest daughter, Miss Edith May, was united in marriage to Mr. Bliss P. Collicutt of Pleasant Vale.

Promptly at four o'clock the bridal party entered the prettily decorated parlor, to the strains of Lohengrin's bridal chorus, played by Miss Marion Colpitts of Forest Glen.

The bridal couple who were unattended stood under a pretty arch of evergreen, from which was suspended a large bell. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Love, in the presence of a large number of invited guests.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly gowned in a semi-princess costume of white silk, with trimmings of all-over lace and applique, with bridal veil, and carried a beautiful bouquet of white carnations and maidenhair fern.

After congratulations, the guests were ushered to the dining-room, where a daintily prepared supper was served.

The large number of handsome and valuable presents testified to the popularity of the bride, among them being an elegant fur-lined coat and twenty-five dollars in gold, the gift of her parents.

At the close of a very pleasant evening, Mr. and Mrs. Collicutt drove to their home in Pleasant Vale, carrying with them the best wishes of their many friends.

THOMPSON - HUGGARD.

At the home of Mr. Walter Winter, 18 Delhi street, January 3, by Rev. Mr. Camp, Mr. Harry Thompson to Mrs. Edna May Huggard, both of Norton, Kings County. They were unattended. After a dainty tea the happy couple left on the Halifax express for their future home in Norton.

APPROPRIATE.

"He has invented a new drink."

"What does he call it?"

"Love."

"Why?"

"Because it makes the world go round."

DEATHS

EDWARD BLACK.

A well-known young man of North End passed away yesterday morning in the person of Edward Black, who died at his home in Main Street after an illness of more than a year. He was in his twenty-sixth year, and is survived by one sister, Miss Beatrice, who resided with him.

For many years he was in the employ of T. McAvity and Sons. He was a prominent member of the Y. M. A. of St. Peter's, of which society he was at one time treasurer, and was an active member of the debating society. He was also secretary of the Newman Brook Quoits Club. The funeral will be held on Wednesday to St. Peter's Church.

MISS CLARA READY.

The funeral of Miss Clara Ready was held yesterday morning from the residence of her father, James Ready, Manawagonish Road. The body was taken to St. Rose's Church, where Father Collins officiated at requeim mass. Interment was made in Sand Cove cemetery. The brothers acted as pall-bearers. A barouche carried the floral emblems received by the family.

The body of Miss Ready was brought here from Montreal for burial. She had been sick for some time, but her death was not entirely expected. She is survived, besides her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James Ready, by two sisters, Miss Mary at home and Mrs. J. L. O'Brien of Fairville. The following brothers also survive:—Louis, William, Hugh, Arthur, and Edward of this city, and James, in the west.

WILLIAM H. EDWARDS.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Jan. 3.—The community was startled this forenoon by the sudden death of Wm. H. Edwards, photographer, one of our best known citizens. He attended service last evening in the Baptist Church, of which he was a valued member, and afterward spent some time with friends being in good health and excellent spirits. Soon after arising this morning he complained of illness and almost instantly passed twey, death being due to heart failure. He was unmarried, a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Oddfellows, and was highly esteemed.

ALLAN K. KEATING.

NEWCASTLE, Jan. 1.—Allan F. Keating, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Keating of Newcastle, and well and most favorably known here, died at his home in Cambridge, Mass., on Wednesday, after an illness of several months. Deceased was but 36 years old, and had for 18 years been a faithful and valued employe in the Car Accountant's department of the Boston and Maine Railway. Deceased was buried on Friday at Cambringe. He is survived by his widow (formerly a Miss Caples of Cambridge), two young sons and a daughter, his parents, one sister, Mrs. P. J. McEvoy, Newcastle; and three brothers, Edward of Newcastle, and Byron and Joseph of New Haven, Conn.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 3.—Rev. Lathrop Cooley, who was a missionary in Chicago when that city was a town of 10,000 inhabitants, died here at midnight at the age of 88. He celebrated his 65th anniversary of active ministerial service a few weeks ago.

WINNER OF THE NOBEL PRIZE FOR LITERATURE

Selina Lagerlof the Most Popular Authoress Who Has Ever Written in the Swedish Tongue—Has Ever Changed the Geography of Her Native Land

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 25—The most popular novel ever written in Sweden is "Gosta Berling's Saga" by Miss Selma Lagerlof, who has just been awarded the Nobel prize for literature. Since 1891, when this romance appeared, her publisher, Albert Bonnier, has printed about sixty thousand copies. This means much in a land of only five million inhabitants. Even adding Norway and Denmark, the only foreign countries in which there is a market for Swedish books, this output corresponds to 200,000 copies in England or 500,000 in America.

"Gosta Berling" was Miss Lagerlof's first book. She was 33 when it appeared, and an unknown schoolteacher. Her book describes the life of the Swedish country gentry in the last century. It is a story full of cold Northern nights, sleigh bells, music and dancing.

I visited the authoress in the home of her childhood, in the valley of Lake Fryken in Wermland, the scene of the saga. Fryken is a long and narrow lake. Its shores are varied with bluffs, slopes, woods, churches, red farms and white monor-houses. Before "Gosta Berling" appeared, the region was little known. Now it is the place of pilgrimage of all Sweden. Two tourist steamers, "Selma Lagerlof" and "Gosta Berling" ply the length of the lake.

I sailed on the "Selma Lagerlof." Tourists crowded the rail, pointing to places which figure in the romance.

"There is Berga, where the wolves chased Gotha and Anna," said a mother to her children. "And Bjorne manor-house, where Marianna ran home after the ball, across the snow in her satin slippers. Here Gosta drove the Countess across the lake."

I observed that the tourists even called the villages by their fictitious names and not by the names on the map. I was told that even the natives confuse the two sets of names, so much has Miss Lagerlof influenced local geography.

Selma Lagerlof's own home is less accessible to tourists. It lies back on the hills, at the edge of the forest. Twenty years ago the estate was sold out of her family. Only last year she bought it back, and is fitting it up for a summer residence for her aged mother, at the same time that she adds a new wing to her mansion in Falun.

A pretty maid in white and blue ushered me into the drawing-room. In the hall stood a little wicker table, and on it a pile of fresh manuscript. Here the authoress had been writing, and directing the painters and plasterers. The drawing-room, light and airy, in imitation of Swedish manors of Gosta's time, was just finished. The white enameled chairs were upholstered in delicately flowered silk.

Miss Lagerlof welcomed me most cordially. She looks much younger than 51. She is tall, a trifle heavy, and moves slowly across the room, owing to a slight chronic lameness. Her eyes are kindly and sympathetic. She spoke as she writes, slowly and collectedly.

"Velkommen til Wermland!" she said, smiling. "Shall we talk English or French, or perhaps you understand Swedish?"

"Since you speak English so perfectly," I replied, "we had better use that language, though I love to hear the Swedish."

Miss Lagerlof then began asking me many questions about America, especially about American women and about religion.

"You seem to have so many prominent women in America," she said. "In Sweden we have no women who can take the leadership."

I suggested Saint Birgitta and Selma Lagerlof, but she smiled slightly and continued:

"There is Mrs. Eddy. She interests me. I should like to know her. What a power in one woman to change the religion of half a million people!"

This brought the conversation to religious sects in America, a subject which interests Miss Lagerlof professionally, for in one of her best known books, "Jerusalem," she describes how the preacher of a new sect came from Chicago to Sweden, and carried off half the population of the township of Naas to live in Jerusalem. The book is founded on an actual occurrence, ten years ago, and many of the Swedes are living in Jerusalem yet.

"Come into the dining-room," said Doctor Lagerlof, "and you will see some views from America."

Her uncle, an artist, was painting a series of panels which will take up the entire wall. Each panel depicts a scene from the home of one of her relatives. Here was the harbor of Seattle, where the authoress has a brother, and also a view from the Rockies after a photograph taken from his summer home.

When, at last, the conversation turned to her own books, I asked,

"Why did you begin to write so late, Dr Lagerlof?"

"Oh, I began when I was five," she replied, "but it took me years to find a style."

"How did you come to think of Gosta Berling?"

"You see I lived here until I was 22, and heard the stories, which I have woven together in the book, from the old folks, and from retired officers who used to visit us for weeks at a time in the winter. But it never occurred to me to write about Wermland until I was studying in Stockholm to be a school teacher. And after that it took years. As you know, I wrote the story, at last, in a few weeks, for a prize contest."

"And you have been writing ever since?"

"Day and night."

Although she writes slowly and deliberately, she has, since "Gosta," produced ten books. When obliged to rest, during the day, she composes on her couch.

"But business affairs take so much time," she complained, sending a maid to the telephone. "Here is the house to be furnished, and I have been all the morning negotiating for the English translation of 'Nils Holgersson.'"

"Nils Holgersson," one of the latest of her books, is the story of a little boy who is transformed into a Brownie and tours Sweden on the back of a wild goose. The book is used in the schools as a reader and geography book. One hundred and twenty-five thousand copies of it have been printed.

H. G. LEACH.

BOUGHT FOR SONG, ASKS $250,000.

Supposed Leonrado Di Vinci May Start Controversy—Authenticity Uncertain.

LONDON, Jan. 3—Lying in the strong room of the Carlton Hotel is a picture which may supply material for a controversy similar to that aroused over the wax bust bought by Dr. Bode of the Kaiser Friedrich Museum at Berlin. The owner of the picture is a Mrs. Dooley, of Manchester, living at the Carlton House, who claims that it was painted by Leonardo da Vinci. The subject is "St. John in the Wilderness." It is 40 by 29 inches in size, and represents a nude man, sitting on a rock and holding a staff.

Mrs. Dooley bought it for a few shillings at a private auction 40 years ago. An expert who saw it while it was being restored declared that it was the work of Leonardo da Vinci. Mrs. Dooley kept it till 1905, when she sent it to the Christies, who catalogued it as a genuine Leonardo. They offered it at auction at a reserve price of 10,000 guineas. This price was not reached in the bidding, but Mrs. Dooley refused to take less.

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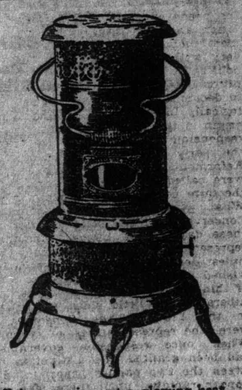

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