

BAM HAS PLAN
FOR HOME RULESuggests a Conference of Leaders
of All Factions.

AS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Might Bring Harmony, He Thinks, in
the Politics of the Emerald Isle.

Dublin, Jan. 30.—It is admitted that the only obstacle to home rule is the opposition to it displayed by an uncommonly influential—in proportion to their number—body of Irishmen, chiefly in the north, and that if this opposition could be overcome no English politician could be found brave enough to deny the united demand of Ireland for self-government. With this fact clearly borne in mind a suggestion by Sir Peter Stewart-Bam is regarded with well-worn consideration.

Sir Peter is an eminent South African who lately returned to Ireland, adopting her name as part of his title. He is of Dutch extraction, and was in the confidence of the Boer leaders before the war. He proposes that the course which should be followed in Ireland should be adopted in South Africa, where the difference of opinion between the English and the Irish has been overcome by a conference of the leaders of all parties in the country, and the difference of opinion between the English and the Irish has been overcome by a conference of the leaders of all parties in the country.

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INTO SACRED PRECINCTS
OF THE TOWER OF BABELWonderful Discoveries Made By
Excavators in Ruins
of Babylon.

London, Jan. 30.—Prof. Koldewey, who for eleven years has been engaged in excavating the site of ancient Babylon for the German Orient Society, has published an interesting account of last year's work. This work was divided between the private houses of the city, the fortifications, the citadel "Kasr," with palace and connected buildings, and finally, the sacred precincts of the Tower of Babel. Results of importance were attained in all four quarters.

The part of the outer fortifications which was laid bare showed the massive character of this work, each side of which was six kilometers long. The most important discovery was the discovery of the southern part of the citadel. The southern part of the citadel has nearly all been uncovered. This part is the oldest, and here, overbuilt by Nebuchadnezzar's latest palace extensions, lie the remains of the Euphrates quay walls of Sargon and Nabopolassar.

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STILL WORRY OVER
FIGURES OF WOMENMr. George Henry, A. R. A.,
Fears That the Gentler Sex
Is Becoming "Harder."

London, Jan. 31.—The question as to whether the woman of today is losing her distinctive feminine figure owing to her increased interest in masculine sports has once more been brought into prominence by a statement made by Dr. Sargent of the Harvard Gymnasium, on the "physical conformation of women."

"Open air and athletic sports, more rational dress and education, more like that of men," he says, "have caused the pronounced physical characteristics known as feminine to diminish and made the female figure more like that of the male."

Mr. George Henry, A. R. A., the well-known artist, entirely agrees with Dr. Sargent.

"Compared with women of a generation ago," he says, "the women of today look harder and stronger, their figures are straighter, and in many cases their muscles are more developed. Judging from my own observation, I think the woman of today is becoming more like that of the male."

One of the causes, to his mind, is that women of today are often working and thinking for themselves, and have more independence, as the suffrage agitation abundantly shows. Women's faces, as well as their figures, seem to have undergone a change. They are sterner, more purposeful and strong. It is a sad thing for art, and I hope it is only a passing phase. It must be remembered that the great beauty and attraction of woman in the eyes of man is that she is so entirely different from him. It would be a terrible thing for woman to lose her natural charm and grace."

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Ladies' Round Belcher, 14k gold; reg. \$11, for \$5.50

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Big Sign Blew Down Into Crowd on Street.

Philadelphia, Jan. 30.—John Ellis, aged 40, Henry Hahn, aged 56, and Ruth Seybold, aged 17, were killed today when a big sheet metal sign blew down. Half a dozen others were injured.

The sign was about twenty feet wide and ten feet high and stood on the roof of a four-story building in the heart of the shopping district. The street was crowded, it being the noon hour. Without an instant's warning the sign, which was old, was wrenched from its fastenings by a high wind and fell to the sidewalk.

The greater portion of the heavy sign landed in the middle of the street and had it not been for this, the loss of life probably would have been greater.

CAPT. HAINS RESIGNS.

Washington, Jan. 30.—President Taft has accepted the resignation from the army of Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jun., 28. Capt. Hains is serving a penitentiary sentence for the murder of William E. Annis at Bay Ridge, N. Y., in 1903.

There were 1,177 persons killed and 9,567 injured on steam railroads in Pennsylvania during the year 1910, and the street railways killed 187 and injured 116, according to statistics issued by the state railroad commissioners.