

Brighter Era Has Dawned Upon Ireland Through Medium of Land Settlement Bill

Victory Comes After Fight of a Hundred Years.

Irish Secretary Introduces the Bill in the Commons.

A Free Grant of Sixty Millions of Dollars Is Proposed and an Effective System of Loans.

London, March 25.—The Irish Secretary, Mr. Wyndham, introduced the Irish Land Bill in the House of Commons today. The bill proposes a free grant of \$60,000,000.

The keen interest felt in this legislation, which, it is hoped, will promote peace and contentment in Ireland, was evidenced by the crowded house. The peers' gallery and the distinguished strangers' gallery were filled, and there had been no such gathering of members of Parliament since the opening of the session.

Michael Davitt, father of the land league, celebrated his 57th birthday by re-entering the house for the first time since he ceased to be a member, in order to hear the chief secretary of Ireland unfold his plans. Mr. Wyndham, who was heartily cheered, rose at 2:40 p.m. At the outset he announced that the Government thought cash aid was necessary for the fulfillment of the proposed scheme. But it attached greater importance to the credit operation than to the cash operation. He then unfolded the scheme, which provides for advances of money for the purchase of lands by the tenants. The advances will be in the shape of cash and not of stock, but in order to enable the cash to be raised a new stock is to be floated.

It will be called "guaranteed 2½ per cent stock," and will be redeemable for thirty years. Mr. Wyndham doubted if \$50,000,000 of the stock will be needed. It will be issued at the rate of \$25,000,000 into the hands of the public, and afterwards, possibly, in larger sums. In addition to this the Government proposed a free grant of \$60,000,000 to be raised by additions to the stock, the interest and sinking fund of which will be borne by the treasury and the maximum annual charge of which will not exceed \$1,950,000. The Irish land bill also provides that tenants shall pay 3½ per cent interest on loans from the Government, that unimproved farms and grazing lands shall be sold to tenants, and that three commissioners shall supervise the sales.

The advances to tenants, through the provisions of the land bill are limited

to \$2,500 in the congested districts and \$5,000 elsewhere.

The bill will become effective Nov. 1. Mr. Wyndham said \$750,000,000 could safely be advanced on Irish land, but he thought the scheme would not involve \$500,000,000.

The Irish secretary explained that while the maximum charge of the English treasury would not exceed \$1,975,000 in a single year, the reduction in the cost of the administration of Ireland would amount to \$1,250,000.

Against this charge on the British treasury, the Irish Government proposes forthwith to commence reductions in the cost of administration amounting to \$1,250,000 per annum forever.

Proceeding Mr. Wyndham dealt with the points of the bill, which contains a bewildering mass of figures showing how advances will be made and the terms of repayment, but it seems, in the main, to be on the lines of the bill introduced by Mr. Wyndham in 1902, and will be satisfactory to the landlords and tenants. In the course of his speech, which was punctuated by cheers, Mr. Wyndham said the landlords of Ireland were being ruined financially, and that the tenants were being ruined morally, and the taxpayers of England were paying \$700,000 per annum to the Irish police, which largely was needed to deal with illegalities arising from the land question.

"Is it remarkable, under these circumstances," asked the Irish secretary, "if the landlords and tenants come together?"

Mr. Wyndham did not think any recalcitrant or vested reasons need be looked for. Past experience showed the state incurred no risk in giving such aid. From the taxpayers' viewpoint it was stated that aid for land purchase was a safe commercial transaction. By the aid of the state, 80,000 tenants already had bought their holdings and the state had not lost a half-penny. Public opinion supported repayment, and this was high, moral security, besides which was the security of the land itself.

Mr. Wyndham said the number of anomalies which had to be dealt with rendered the work most embarrassing, complicated and very difficult to present to the house in an intelligible manner. The state of things in some parts of Ireland was such as could be scarcely believed in England. He instanced one village in which a landlord was in the workhouse during the greater part of the year, while the tenants lived under conditions worse than those of the Kaffirs of Africa. What the Government proposed to do to remedy this state of affairs was, briefly, while withdrawing no existing rights, it contemplated that the purchase of land in the future should be made by the sale of estates, under three commissioners—Michael Finucane, under secretary in the statistical department; Frederick Brent and W. F. Bayley.

The National Defense.

London, March 25.—There was a large attendance of peers in the House of Lords yesterday, when "the public orator of the empire," Lord Rosebery has been described, rose to discuss the question of national defense. The Prince of Wales was present and occupied the usual seat on the front cross bench. The peeresses and diplomatic galleries were well filled, while on the steps of the throne a number of Privy Counsellors had assembled. Lord Rosebery painted Britain's financial situation in most lurid colors. Britain's money-bags, he maintained, had pulled down Napoleon, and, sorry, indeed, should he be if those money-bags were ever depleted. But he ventured to say, on the authority of every economist who had studied the question, that the Government was depleting the money-bags now, and bleeding the nation to death in a time of peace.

SECOND GERMAN CABLE

It Is Expected to Reach New York
During 1904.

Berlin, March 25.—It is expected that the second cable of the German-American Cable Company, the laying of which began yesterday, will reach the Azores in the course of the summer, and New York before the end of 1904. The Germans are enthusiastic over the progress of the cable, regarding it as an important step towards the achievement of their ideal of being independent of foreign cables. Similar projects to other parts of the world are expected to materialize in the next few years.

N. Y. C. R. R. IN NEW HANDS

Vanderbilts Lose Control of the Big
System.

New York, March 25.—Control of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad has passed into new hands, according to information received from trustworthy sources. Control has not been wrested from the Vanderbilts. There has been no friction, and the change is along lines approved by William K. Vanderbilt. The new control is vested in the combination headed by the Rockefeller-Pennsylvania-Morgan interests.

PROTEST TO GREECE

Britain Says Current Monopoly Would
Violate Treaty.

Athens, March 25.—It is understood that Sir E. H. Egerton, the British minister, has notified the Government that if it sanctions the proposal made by a British syndicate looking to a monopoly of the current trade, Great Britain will protest on the ground that such a monopoly would be an infringement of the commercial treaties with Greece.

It is contended that the proposed monopoly would have the effect of making the world at its mercy, as stoneless currents are not produced outside of Greece, except in unappreciable quantities in France and Austria.

SERIOUS CHARGE PREFERRED

James Quinn Will Be Tried at Spring
Assizes.

James Quinn was committed for trial this morning by Police Magistrate Love on a very serious charge of assault preferred by Mrs. Gravelle, of Pall Mall street. The lady swore in court this morning that the prisoner forced his way into her house and assaulted her. The prosecution was conducted by Mr. McKillop, and the defense by Mr. Faulds. Several witnesses were called in reference to the matter, and the magistrate thought there was sufficient evidence to commit the man for trial. Quinn will therefore be tried at the spring assizes.

"Spit Cards" for New York Cars.

New York, March 25.—Street car conductors will surprise many men to-morrow by stepping out and presenting them with yellow tickets about three inches long by one and a half wide. They will be "spit cards." Every time a person spits on the floor of the car it is the duty of the conductor to spit, without a word, and hand him or her one of the cards. Here is what they say:

You are violating the law against spitting. You are subject to a fine or imprisonment or both.

By order of the board of health.

E. J. LEDERLE, President.



MRS. MAYBRICK,
Whose Coming Release Has Been An-
nounced by the Home Office.

KING'S YACHTING CRUISE

It Will Be More Extended Than at
First Proposed.

London, March 25.—It is announced unofficially that the King's projected Mediterranean cruise will be more extended and internationally more important than was at first supposed. He will leave Portsmouth on March 30 on the royal yacht. He will call at Lisbon, where he will visit King Carlos. Thence he will proceed to Gibraltar, Cannes and Villefranche, where he may possibly meet President Loubet, who will be going to Algiers at about that time. Subsequently he will go to Genoa, where an Italian naval review has been arranged, which will be probably attended by King Victor Emmanuel, and thence he will visit Malta.

SULTAN TALKS OF PERSECUTION

Says That the Whole World
Assails Turkey,

BUT THEY WILL REMAIN CALM

Bulgaria Rebuked for Allowing In-
surgents to Roam Through
Macedonia.

Vienna, March 25.—The Allgemeine Zeitung reports that in an interview with Herr Klotz, a Czech deputy, Ferid Pasha, the Turkish Grand Vizier, said: "All the world assails us. We also keep the Albanians calm. They are equally irritated. We sincerely wish for peace, but we will decidedly defend the frontier. In case of invasion we would war with Roumania."

The paper adds that it is learned that the Roumanian Government has ordered 50,000 Mancher rifles.

The Cologne Gazette, in an article inspired by the Berlin foreign office, sharply rebuked the Bulgarian Government for allowing fifty insurgent bands to roam at large in Macedonia, and accuses it of culpable leniency, especially in view of the constant reinforcements from Bulgaria that are crossing the frontier. These marauders do not present the slightest danger to Turkey, the Gazette says, but the Porte is alarmed at the extermination of the Christians because the cry of "massacres" would be raised throughout Europe.

IN THE DOMINION SENATE

Rumor of a Movement to Give the
Northwest More Representatives.

Ottawa, March 25.—There is said to be a movement on foot to increase the representation of Manitoba and the Territories in the Senate. At present the population and representation of the respective provinces is as follows:

Province	Population	Senators
Ontario	2,182,347	21
Quebec	1,518,388	21
Nova Scotia	459,574	10
New Brunswick	331,120	10
P. E. Island	103,259	4
Manitoba	105,811	3
N. W. T.	158,940	2
British Columbia	178,657	3

Features on Inside Pages.

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Page 3—Births, Marriages and Deaths. Victoria Day Celebration in London. "The Only Way" Company Disbands. Second Day's Session of the Council Chosen Friends. Balliff Burns' Successor. Work Begins on New Armory. Gardeners' Association Meets. Officers of W. A. M. A. Re-elected.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Wednesday, March 25.
Sun rises 6:14 a.m. Moon rises 4:18 a.m.
Sun sets 6:36 p.m. Moon sets 2:30 p.m.

Tomorrow: Fair and Cool.

Toronto, March 24-25 p.m.
A depression is situated tonight over the Straits of Mackinac, and another one is developing off the coast of Connecticut. Showers have been general from the Atlantic to the Gulf of Mexico, and light falls of rain or snow have occurred in nearly all portions of the lake region.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 44-48; Calgary, 10-14; Qu'Appelle, 10-14; Winnipeg, 10-14; Port Arthur, 18-23; Parry Sound, 32-42; Toronto, 36-46; Ottawa, 34-44; Montreal, 34-44; Halifax, 46-50.

FORECASTS.

Today—Fresh to strong westerly to northwesterly winds; partly fair and cold; light snowfalls and flurries.

Thursday—Generally fair and moderately cold.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	2	2	Fair
Winnipeg	2	2	Fair
Parry Sound	20	20	Snow
Toronto	34	34	Snow
Ottawa	32	32	Fair
Montreal	34	34	Cloudy
Quebec	34	34	Cloudy
Father Point	34	34	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

Rain has fallen from the Ottawa Valley to the Maritime Provinces, and light rain and snow in the lake region. Colder weather has set in over the Northwest Territories, and the present outlook is generally cold.

FLOOD'S TERRIBLE WORK

Mother and Children Imprisoned With
Father's Dead Body.

Albany, N. Y., March 25.—Driven to the upper story of their humble dwelling on Montgomery's Island, in the Hudson, by the flood, Mrs. J. J. Harney, her eight children and the body of her dead husband were rescued about noon yesterday. The rescue was made by Captain Ulster Davis and his crew with a tug boat. Inside the house was a pitiful sight. There was the mother with her eight children about her. Those old enough to realize what had happened were crying, while the younger ones were crying for food, of which there was none in the house. Mrs. Harney said her husband died at 3:30 o'clock last night of acute pneumonia.

NINE MINISTERS PLEASE APPLY

They Must Be Young, Cour-
ageous and Unmarried.

FOR MISSIONS IN FAR WEST

Rev. E. E. Scott, of B. C. Methodist
Church, Coming to Ontario on
Unique Mission.

Vancouver, B. C., March 25.—Rev. R. E. E. Scott, pastor of Wesley Methodist Church, left yesterday afternoon for Toronto. To the press he stated that his mission was of some interest to the Methodist young ladies of British Columbia. He said: "I am going to Toronto to bring nine young unmarried men back with me. Perhaps I may not be able to get them all in Toronto. If not I will try my fortune in other cities of Ontario. There are nine young men needed by our conference for different stations throughout the province. It is expressing their desire that they are to be young and that they are to be unmarried. The idea is that they rough it in the outskirts of the province, grow up with the country and either marry British Columbia girls or send home for their brides."

Mr. Scott gives warning to those young probationers who accept his charge to "be young, young men," that their congregations in the sections where they will be stationed will not be quite the same as those they are accustomed to in Toronto.

TORONTO OPERA HOUSE BURNED

Was Completely Destroyed by
the Fiery Element.

IT WAS VALUED AT \$70,000

Company Playing Lost All Effects—
Narrow Escape of Janitor's
Family.

Toronto, March 25.—The Toronto Opera House, owned by C. and L. Perrin, of Detroit, was completely destroyed by fire about 4 this morning, and the "King of Detectives" Company lost all they had including much of their personal effects. The caretaker, George Champion, with his wife and three children, and his assistant, had narrowly escaped. The origin of the fire was defective insulation. The first thing known by the caretaker was a smell of smoke. By that time it was too late for them to escape by the usual route and they were forced to climb to the roof, and by passing over other roofs and breaking a skylight they reached the street through an adjoining building. The theater was valued at \$70,000 and insured for \$25,000. It was built eighteen years ago by Ex-Aid. Pells as a roller skating rink and was turned over to a theater fourteen years ago. Some of the finest grand operas ever given in America were presented here in 1886 by the McColl Opera Company, assisted by Thomas' Orchestra. "The King of Detectives" playing this week had still six weeks on the road, their next stop being Montreal. Sullivan, Harris and Woods owned the show, which is new this season, and started worth about \$10,000. J. B. Isaac, the manager, left about \$200 of silver in a strong box in one of the dressing rooms, and this with most of the clothing of the members of the company was burned. The building insurance was British America \$5,000, Western \$5,000, Royal \$2,500, Mercantile \$2,500, Manchester \$2,500, Sun \$2,500, National \$2,500, and Phoenix of Hartford \$2,500.

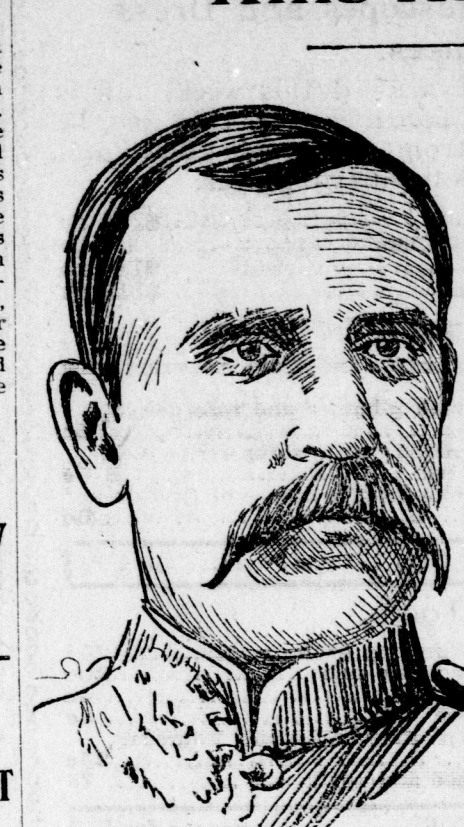
NEW QUARTERS WANTED

It Is Suggested That Local Bible Re-
pository Should Get Them.

The centenary of the British and Foreign Bible Society is soon to be commemorated, and it has been suggested by the friends of the work here that the London branch should make the occasion by building a suitable home for the local repository and securing more appropriate quarters than at present occupies.

The headquarters of the work of the Society in Western Ontario may be said to be in this city, and the supporters of the society are of the opinion that to have a new and excellent home here would add to the enthusiasm of all who are interested in the cause. The undertaking is now occupying the attention of the executive committee of the society for the first time. It has been considered on more than one occasion, and there are said to be numbers of prominent citizens who are prepared to contribute liberally to such a building.

Fighting Hector MacDonald Kills Himself at Paris



Gen. Sir Hector MacDonald.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAILURE

Methodist Divine Says Modern Meth-
ods Are Necessary.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 25.—The Rev. Dr. D. W. Clark, presiding elder of this district, today before the Methodist Preachers' Association, declared that the Sunday school as managed at present "is pretty much of a failure," and advocated the graded system. He said that much that little children cannot understand should be eliminated from Sunday school work and that the laws of psychology and pedagogy were as necessary in Sunday school teaching as in the public schools. He continued: "The present object in many Sunday schools seems to be to drive into the minds of children as many facts as possible. The children sit in an attitude of respectful listening and do not become interested. Our Sunday schools would fail if they did not teach spirituality, and they will fail also unless we keep abreast of the times in teaching. We ministers have been remiss in not taking greater interest in the Sunday school."

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