

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

ON HIS WEDDING DAY

Drowning of Youth 21 Years of Age

Mrs. Rebecca Clark, of Wood Green, entered upon her 106th year. Her eldest son is 75 years old.

George Bailey, aged 21, who was to have been married the same day, was found drowned in a pond at Greasborough, Rotherham.

At West Hartlepool, a boy named Thomas Hall was ordered to be birched for placing a large iron bar between two points of a railway line.

Only \$125,000 was bid at King's Lynn, 1,400 acres of land, farmhouses and 27 cottages, which fetched \$265,000 half a century ago.

At the dinner to tenant farmers connected with the South Notts Hunt the Earl of Harrington denounced the poisoning in the district of both foxes and hounds.

During the first four months of this year 132,667 people left the United Kingdom for places out of Europe, compared with 109,839 during the first four months of last year.

A triple wedding has taken place at Chatham, Kent. The brides, Misses Rhoda and L. A. Horton, sisters, and Miss M. Collard, were born and brought up in the village.

A dog belonging to a farmer near Bishops Cleeve, travels two miles across country every morning to fetch his master's newspaper, which is thrown to him from a train by the guard.

Three thousand delegates to the chemists' congress visited Windsor Castle at the invitation of the King, travelling from Paddington in four special trains. The next congress of the chemists will be held in America.

The remains of Mrs. Butler, the woman Crimean veteran, were carried to the grave at Portsmouth by the men of the Dorset Regiment in the presence of many veterans.

By growing vegetables for the various institutions instead of buying them, Willesden guardians have made a profit on the garden account of \$504.24, for the half year just ended.

Tripping at a stile while out shooting near Boroughbridge, Yorkshire, Miss Madge Elvess, a well-known Yorkshire sportswoman, was instantly killed by the discharge of her gun.

By the death of Mr. Thomas Melard Reade, aged seventy-eight, at Blundellsands, which has just occurred, Liverpool has lost a notable citizen and the country a noted scientist.

Viscount Wolsley celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday recently, having been born in Ireland on June 4, 1833. He received numerous telegrams of congratulation at his apartments at Hampton Court.

A system of illumination in which thirty-four miles of electric cables and decorative lamps of an aggregate of 1,500,000 candle power are used, was inaugurated at the Shepherd's Bush Exhibition.

LED PAUPER'S STRIKE

Hit the Master and Given Three Months.

Sentence of three months' hard labor was passed on Patrick Baker, aged forty-five, an inmate of Chelsea Workhouse, for assaulting Mr. W. D. Watford, the master, and Mr. Hayes, the assistant master. Baker was the leader of a number of inmates who complained that the porridge had not been cooked to their satisfaction. Baker hung his basin of porridge at the master, smothering his face and clothing with the hot meal.

A sparrow-hawk's egg has been found in a robin's nest at Crowborough, Sussex, the mother hawk having apparently laid her egg in the nest first and then surrendered it to the robin.

Mr. Isaac Falcke has presented his magnificent collection of Wedgewood porcelain to the British Museum, and Mr. C. H. Read, keeper of British and mediaeval antiquities in the museums and president of the Society of Antiquaries, is preparing for their reception.

Canon Ransford, at the Rochester Diocesan Conference related the story of a little boy who asked his mother one Sunday morning, "Mummy, is Heaven on the telephone, because I want to ask God if he really minds me playing a game?"

As the Bellerophon was leaving Spithead for the summer manoeuvres Second-class Petty Officer Hector Watson was sent to the fire-control top, 100 feet above deck, and lost his hold, falling first on to the edge of the funnel and then to the deck. He died soon after.

In 1908 the average rate of mortality at Yarmouth was two per thousand lower than the corrected average death-rate for the seventy-six great towns, so that on its population of 50,000 no fewer than 100 lives were saved last year as compared with the mortality in the country generally.

The Islington Council's librarian estimates that of 75,234 persons who used the reading-rooms between May 10 and June 5, 17,656 went specially to consult the "Situations Vacant" advertisements.

Over 200 applications were received for the post of town hall keeper at Guildford, at a salary of £80 per annum. A local harnessmaker and saddler was appointed on Tuesday.

He said nothing about his trade. There is a large fleet of sailing craft engaged in the Folkestone fishery, and the owners and workers fear that the proposed running of a steam trawler will greatly affect their means of livelihood. A petition is being got up against the project.

As a long service on the same farm have been made to laborers employed by members of the Huntingdonshire Agricultural Society, the first price of £10 going to Philip Winterton, aged 72, with 54 years' service on a farm at Woodwalton.

Twelve of the twenty-five balloons sent up by the meteorological department of Manchester University have been found, mostly in Yorkshire. One of the cylinders has been returned, and it shows that the balloon attained a height of eleven miles.

Shooting against a team of Royal Marines at distances of 200, 500 and 1,000 yards, eight riflemen of H. M. S. Pembroke established a world's record at Sheerness with an average of 100.2 out of a possible 105. Mr. Raven, a gunner, obtained a highest possible score.

George Shillito, 61, a decently-dressed and well-educated man, was charged at the Guildhall with begging in Old Broad street. The prisoner is well known in the city, and at one time held a good position as chief clerk and bookkeeper. He pleaded for leniency on the ground that he was about to "give his eldest daughter away in marriage." He was sentenced to one day's imprisonment.

BATHS FOR WORKMEN

A Large Manufacturing Firm Thinks of Employees.

Baths for their workmen are being built at Winton, near Northwich, at a cost of £20,000, by Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co., of Northwich.

Traffic returns on the L. C. C. tramways for the week ended May 15 last were \$175,555, compared with \$171,225 for the corresponding week of 1908.

The first consignment of English-grown peas has arrived at Covent Garden market from the west of England. The price realized was \$3.12 per bushel.

In order not to jeopardize her old age pension, the Yarmouth magistrate fined a woman, aged 70 years, \$25 for theft, instead of sending her to prison.

Archdeacon Wright, of Manchester, has been elected archbishop of Sydney by the synod, subject to the confirmation of the New South Wales bishops.

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Of \$28,035 total takings at the Women's Social and Political Union Exhibition at Knightsbridge, \$21,500 was taken at the stalls and \$1,500 in entertainments.

By night a music hall artist and by day a dealer in rags, bones and gold watches, was John Watson Corbell's description of himself at Old Street police court, London.

For the accommodation of chauffeurs who regularly drive to the Houses of Lords and Commons a private room has been opened at the foot of the clock tower.

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For some reason there has been no response to the repeated advertisement of the Limerick District Council for tenders for the erection of laborers' cottages, though the building trade is at a very low ebb and there are many masons idle. It has now been decided to have the cottages built by direct labor under the direction of the board engineer. Much the same state of affairs exists at Newcastle West.

To celebrate the completion of his forty years' service in the sacred ministry, Rev. P. Grant, P. P. Ballinasreena, County Down, was recently presented by his parishioners, with an address beautifully illuminated.

The Grand Orange Lodge of Belfast has forwarded for presentation to Parliament a petition bound in purple leather, tied with orange ribbon and inscribed in gold, against any alteration in the King's accession oath.

The Limerick No. 2 district council have adopted a resolution in favor of building a bridge over the Shannon, at Castleconnell, the expenditure, estimated at some \$60,000, to be borne as a charge on the counties of Limerick and Clare.

CHURCH LAW SUIT

Litigation Expenses Said to Reach \$650,000.

The Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll) recently presented colors to the Ninth Dumbartonshire Battalion, Argyll and Highlanders, Highlanders, and the Duke of Argyll delivered an address.

The annual choir festival service in connection with the Ayr Presbytery Choir Union was held in Dundonald parish church on June 5. The choir consisted of over 250 voices, representing a total of thirteen parish churches.

Plans have been submitted to the King for the erection of a chapel of the Order of the Thistle at the southeast corner of St. Giles', Edinburgh.

The Established Church Assembly has adopted an overwhelming majority a motion agreeing to send down to presbyteries an act setting forth that there is no rule in the Word of God prohibiting marriage with a deceased wife's sister, and that no ecclesiastical censure should follow such a marriage.

The expenses of the litigation between the United Free Church and the Free Church and of the executive mission amount to \$500,000. Of that sum about \$250,000 represents the total legal expenses of the commission for both sides, and various losses and balances which are to be met by the United Free Church is stated as \$650,000.

Mr. Watt, M. P., wants a grant for Scotland similar to or greater than the \$30,000 given to establish and endow tobacco growing in Ireland, and request if it can be secured that conditions exist. Scotch tobacco growing is nearly a suspended industry, and there is no reason to doubt that tobacco could be successfully cultivated in those districts of Scotland which have the mildest climate, without excessive moisture.

It is stated that the advisability of starting operations in connection with a recent discovery of coal in the neighborhood of Carraig, on the south coast of the Island of Mull, is under consideration. The inhabitants obtain most of their fuel from the beds of the mountain streams, from which they pick up large quantities of coal of an inferior quality. Samples were shown to experts and it is understood that it is on their recommendation that the prospecting is being undertaken.

The outfitting of the shipbuilding industry is greatly improving. During May 22 vessels, representing 40,580 tons, were launched. Compared with the corresponding month of last year the launches show a decrease of four, but the displacement is increased by 33,492 tons. Although, too, fewer vessels have been launched in the first five months of this year, there were in the corresponding period last year (77 as against 121), yet the displacement shows a distinct increase, being 141,542 tons, as against 117,138. In the matter of launches, prospects are better, as well, the most important order being the one for the new Dreadnought, which has been received by Scott's Company, Greenock.

MOUNTAIN FIRES

Cause Heavy Loss in District South of Clonmel.

Land owners in the mountainous districts south of Clonmel have recently suffered heavily from hill fires, and large claims for compensation have been lodged by those whose game-coverts and trees were destroyed. Should the claims be allowed, the district ratepayers will have to pay an extra two shillings and four pence in the pound.

The Rev. Bro. Joseph E. Meagher, an esteemed member of the community of the Monks of St. Patrick, Mount Athol, died recently. The deceased was a brother of Mr. Michael Meagher, M. P. for North Kilkenny, and belongs to an old and honorable family.

At the quarterly meeting of the Limerick County Council proposal committee, it was unanimously decided to refuse to pay the cost of extra police in the county, amounting to \$1,350.

A pathetic case of suicide occurred at Galway, when John Halloran, 21, Munster lane, a printer, working in the Connaught Champion office, suddenly rushed from his house and threw himself into the canal, despite the efforts of a companion to restrain him. Head Constable Donovan, of Sligo, has been given \$60 and a first-class

LUNACY ON DECLINE

Notable Decrease Shown in Past Five Years.

Gavon school rate is to be increased by a penny in the pound. Lunacy has decreased in Scotland during the past five years.

The Architectural Association visited their brethren in Glasgow June 5. A large quantity of herring was caught June 1 off the North Giron shore.

At Lerwick on June 5, 200 boats landed an average of 11 crabs of herring.

A curious story was told in Aberdeen on the return there of the German trawler Gebruder Jurgens. It appears that when the trawler was two hours out of Aberdeen the crew were astonished to see a young woman emerge from a hiding-place on board. The skipper put into Lerwick and reported the matter, but as the woman had no money she was not allowed to land. Accordingly the skipper had her detained but to take her with him to the fishing grounds of Iceland. The chart room of the trawler was fitted up as a cabin, and she was accommodated there during the remainder of the voyage. As soon as the trawler returned to Aberdeen the woman was taken by the police to the police station, but she was set free. Her explanation of the escape is that she was following a German who had promised to marry her.

The upper decks of one hundred of the ordinary trawlers are to be roofed at Coplawhill.

TIRLOCH M'SWEENEY

Irish Old-Age Pensioner the Son of a King.

Tirloch McSweeney, an old age pensioner, at Cunnagey, County Donegal, claims that his ancestors can be traced back to Ermon, the first king of Ireland, in 1690 B. C.

The general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland was accorded a civic welcome on the 10th inst. by the lord mayor of Belfast, the proceedings taking the form of a breakfast.

The Irish language was taught in 2,831 national schools in Ireland during the year ended June 30, 1908.

The death is announced of Dr. Doyle, Roman Catholic Bishop of Down, more, New South Wales, who was born in County Cork in 1852.

Eighty acres of land were sold at Alberton for \$4,925 and auctioneer's fees.

The death is announced of Rev. Jos. L. Chasler, senior Presbyterian minister of Clonduff, County Down. Mr. Chasler had previously held the pastorate of Middletown, Clonakilly and Maguirebridge.

Messrs. Lipton, Limited, have promised to purchase the produce of the proposed bacon factory in Clonmel.

At the age of 109 the death through an accident occurred recently at Craigueverne, Ballybrittas, of Matt. Brady.

Anthony O'Donnell, Dunloe, has been appointed a magistrate for the County of Donegal. The appointment is a popular one.

W. H. Howard, B. A., has been appointed rate collector by New Ross, urban council in room of Mr. Barrow, resigned.

A Belfast hotel has a notice up that owing to the increased license duty prices of chops, steaks, fish, etc., are raised 1d.

Constable McNamara, of the Royal Irish Constabulary, was drowned near Castletown, under sad circumstances. He went for a walk in the morning, and as he did not return to duty a search was made for him. His body was found on the beach, and it is believed that he must have slipped into the water, and been carried off by the depth of the tide. McNamara had served in the constabulary for 28 years, and he had an excellent record. In a few days he would have retired on a pension.

HOME-MADE BOMB

An Extraordinary Affair in Belfast District.

Some very exciting scenes took place at an eviction near Castle Island, County Kerry. A tenant had felled some trees, blocking a passage, and had barricaded his house. Bailiffs, protected by police, brought a battering ram, but it was late in the evening before the obstructions were overcome, and when the besiegers and besieged were at close quarters, boiling water, pitch, and lime-wash were thrown from the house over the bailiffs. An excited crowd gathered, and the police delivered several baton charges, in which many persons received nasty wounds. Operations were then, fortunately, suspended.

An extraordinary affair has occurred in the Falls road district of Belfast. Constable Burke, while on his beat, noticed a small jar on the window sill of a public house, and examined it. No sooner had he done so, however, than the jar exploded, inflicting severe burns to his face and hands. One of his eyes was also injured. It seems the jar was intended to be a stone jar filled with gunpowder, to which a fuse six inches in length was attached. The fuse was burning, and just as the constable lifted the jar a terrible explosion occurred.

Relieving Officer Carney, of Castlebar Union, has been called on to resign because of serious charges of neglect of duty, proved against him.

The merchants of Keady at a public meeting decided to start a town bakery. A committee was formed, a subscription list opened, and over \$1,250 subscribed.

The members of First Coleraine Church have decided to erect a stained-glass window in their church in memory of their last pastor, Rev. Wm. Hall, M. A., LL.D.

Patrick McQuillan, Kinneigh House, Mosseyglen, Moville, has been appointed a magistrate for County Donegal.

Mr. Feely, manager of the New Ross branch of the National Bank, has been promoted to the Wexford Branch. He was manager in New Ross for nearly 20 years.

Mohill Guardians have passed the much-discussed bachelor tax resolution which has been going the rounds of the public boards in Ireland.

Mr. M. P. Harding, who for many years was accountant in the National Bank, Roscommon, has been appointed manager of the New Ross, County Wexford, branch.

John N. White, M. R. I. A., J. P., has presented a very fine collection of old coins including several well preserved specimens that were mined in Roginold's Tower to the Waterford Museum.

An Irish firm secured the contract for the Tralee harbor at a lesser sum than the free grant of \$35,000, which has been obtained from the department of agriculture and board of works.

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