

# The Happenings of a Week in the Old Land

## ENGLAND

During a gale in the English Channel, William T. Cooper, coastguard, while patrolling the seashore at the south of the Isle of Wight, was caught by a huge wave, suddenly breaking on shore, and was washed out to sea. Nothing has since been seen of him.

Prince Edward of Wales will serve one more term at the Osborne Naval College, and on returning there after the Christmas vacation will have a companion in his younger brother, Prince Albert. At the end of next term, however, Prince Edward will be transferred to the Dartmouth Naval College.

The home secretary has given his decision on the petition for a revision of the sentence of two months' imprisonment with hard labor, passed on Nov. 11, upon a Wigan coal dealer named Edward Croston for attempting to bribe two Wigan Rugby Club players to lose a match.

The London Globe, discussing Canadian emigration, says it is mainly the Scot who makes Canada, for the energetic Scot takes to pioneering as the western Englishman takes to loafing. The Earl of Shaftesbury, who has been singing in London for charity, refused an offer of £1,000 for each of twenty guaranteed appearances in America. He has an excellent tenor voice.

The late Mr. James Lawes Perrin, of Bristol, tobacco manufacturer, and a director of Franklin, Davey & Co., Limited, has left an estate of the gross value of nearly £87,000. He bequeathed about £8,000 to local charities.

Lord Rothschild has entered his 69th year. He is the head of the Rothschild family and dozens of millions. Although a strenuous man of business he is an ardent collector, a learned art connoisseur, and an ideal host.

Sir Ewen Cameron, K. C. G. M., who retired about four years ago from the post of London manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, died at his residence at Hampstead on the 19th inst. He was born in 1841.

The late Lord Sackville left estate valued for probate at £3,516 gross. F. E. Smith, the founder of Sheffield Stock Exchange, died at Sheffield on the 7th inst.

Oxford University defeated Edinburgh Academicals in a Rugby football match on the 16th inst. by 7 points to 6.

At Lloyd's the guineas per cent was paid on "risk" to pay a total loss in the event of the Russian "dynasty" ceasing to exist within the next two years.

Cardiff ranks as the largest port in the United Kingdom or the export of coal to the continent last year, exceeding that of the Tyne ports by four million tons.

It has been decided in the London law courts that wedding presents, unless they are specially given to the husband, belong to the wife as much as to the husband.

Mr. R. R. Dees, one of the oldest solicitors in England, died on the 30th ult., at Wallsend, near Newcastle. He was born in 1814, and commenced practice in 1831.

The "Arbor Day" movement was successfully inaugurated at Leyton, when trees were planted by school children on the playing fields and on Wansstead Flats.

Admiral Sir John Kennedy Erskine Baird, K. C. B., died on Dec. 8.

On the Milton night at the Manchester Literary Club there was a visitor present who could recite from memory the whole of Milton's poems, including the "Paradise Lost," "Paradise Regained," "Comus," and all the so-called minor pieces.

The chairman of the Dunmow board of guardians says there are no genuine unemployed in the district.

Consigned to the Pasture Institute, London, a thousand guinea-pigs were landed recently at Dover from Calais. Dr. W. E. Hoyle, the director of the Manchester Museum, has been appointed director of the National Museum of Wales.

Mr. George Meredith has sent a gift of books from his own book shelves to the Royal Hospital for incurables, Putney.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, of Beverton, whose ages total 146, celebrated their golden wedding by assisting the thresher at Neeley Farm.

There are now 105,854 students in the London County Council evening schools, an increase of 6,306 over the number last year.

The new register for the Romford division will contain the names of 55,704 persons, of whom 51,043 have a parliamentary vote.

Negotiations have been concluded by the war office for the purchase of the Radford estate, near Edinburgh, for cavalry barracks.

Mme. Rosa Perezoff, of Lisle street, Leicester Square, London, was fined \$9 for importing a dog into England without the necessary order from the board of agriculture. The lady arrived at Dover by the early morning mail packet from Calais, and her movements created suspicion. A customs house officer questioned her as to whether she had anything dutiable about her. She replied in the negative, but not being satisfied, the official called the stewardess, who found in a small pocket hidden in her skirt a black-and-tan terrier.

"What a beggar with 25 on him," remarked the Wiltshire magistrate, when it was stated that J. H. Pearce, of Ligon street, Edgeware road, London, who was charged on a charge of being drunk upon him \$2 in gold and \$1 worth of silver and coppers. The constable said Pearce was trying to dance, and touching his hat to passersby. A remand was ordered.

Lieutenant Boyd Alexander is about to proceed on an exploring expedition to the islands in the Gulf of Guinea, which have not been scientifically explored. He will afterwards explore parts of the Cameroons.

A lady at Preston who is a mother of 16 children and grandmother to several others, has still sufficient energy to hit a butcher on the face with a clog. She had to pay a fine of \$1.20 for the exhibition of temper.

An old lady who has been enjoying the comfort of the Willesden Workhouse for several years had \$1,250 invested in consols. The guardians in the interest of the ratepayers, are claiming the cash.

"Canada represents the splendid recompense we have for the most prodigious humiliation we ever suffered—the loss of our American colony," said Sir Gilbert Parker, M. P., at Caxton Hall, London, recently.

For injuries sustained through being knocked off a bicycle by an omnibus, a Putney errand boy named Horatio Coffey obtained \$500 damages against the London General Omnibus Company at Shoreditch County court.

For breaking a public lane in Oxford a Cambridge undergraduate was, at the Oxford city court, ordered to pay \$5, including costs.

The Rev. J. W. Atkinson, of Latimer Congregational church, Steyning, has been elected president of East London Union of Christian Endeavor.

Mr. George Hollington, who had hunted with the Worcestershire Hounds for 74 years, died recently at Astwood Bank, Worcestershire.

The Manx Salt Company, which has been in existence several years, whose works are at Ramsey, announces its first dividend of 2 per cent.

After a dealer had been fined \$5 76 at Chelmsford for working a horse in an unfit state, the animal was sold in the public market for 60 cents.

Two women named King and Cox were each fined \$5 at Dudley for jeering at a young woman when she was attending her sweetheart's funeral.

The new West London County court, in North End road, Fulham, which takes the place of the old Brentford County court, was recently opened.

In his farm buildings at Farlowood, Surrey, Mr. Wm. Brown, J. P., mayor of Reigate in 1892 and 1893, and a member of the board of guardians, fell dead.

Lord Ripon is said to be engaged collecting materials for a work of a biographical nature, and is devoting the greater part of his lecture to this work.

Several hundred children in charge of the Hackney guardians have been removed from Brentwood to new cottage homes at Ongar, where the old people will also live in future.

By the will of the late Mr. Richard Cone Maning, founder of the publishing house of Morgan & Scott, the sum of £2,395, duty free, is bequeathed for division among the employees.

Members of the family of the Rev. Canon William Riland-Bedford, who has just resigned the living of Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, have held the incumbency during the past 200 years.

George Dixon, South Shields, appeared to prosecute Joseph Steele, a hairdresser, of Laygate Lane, for robbing him. Dixon stated that he met Steele on the morning of the robbery, after they had had some refreshment. He invited him to his shop to have a shampoo. He was being shaved, when the prisoner put something into his eyes, and he remembered nothing more until next morning, when he found himself in the hospital.

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