

## A Budget of News From the Old Land

Bishop of Lewes since 1914, the Rev. Dr. Herbert E. Jones has died at Hove, aged 65.

For 49 Shorthorn cattle sold at Moreby, Cumberland, £27,222 was paid, an average of £555 each.

At a Goodmayes (Essex) whist drive a bottle of whiskey was won by a local temperance reformer.

Bones, fairs and swill saved in the home army commands from 1916 to 1919 were sold for £1,568,838.

First elected in 1874, Mr. Samuel Edwards, "father" of Birmingham City Council, has died, aged 84.

Cadogan George Marsham Argles, who had been rector of St. Mary's and St. Clement, York, for 48 years, has died.

Two burial urns supposed to date from the Bronze Age (about 500 years B.C.) have been found near Sherwell, Isle of Wight.

Taxicab fares in London will be increased by 50 per cent. on March 1st, but the initial hiring charge of 6d is to be discontinued.

A recluse, Fanny Ivens, 50, of Salisbury Mansions, Harringay, London, was found, after having lain dead for at least five weeks.

A member of Datchett (Bucks) Parish Council, Mr. Alfred Talbot, 73, retired farmer, was found in his house shot through the head, a shot-gun lying beside him.

Found guilty of the murder of his wife at Wolverhampton last August, Andrew Fraser, 31, a discharged naval stoker, was sentenced to death at Staffordshire Assizes.

Not one of the seven children and 22 grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. John Rhodes, Lee Farm, Myerscough, Lanes, who have celebrated their golden wedding (fifty years) has died.

Nothing could beat the way in which labor put its squabbles below ground and decided to go into the war and win it, said Lord Asquith at the Constitutional Club, London.

The Board of Agriculture has obtained treasury sanction to pay compensation to allotment holders dispossessed of their plots within two years after the termination of the war.

Lord D'Abernon, who has presided over the Liquor Control Board since its formation in June, 1915, has resigned. The board was responsible for the strict curtailment of drinking hours during the war.

Dr. Richard A. Shekleton, of Holywood, Co. Down, was granted a divorce in Dublin from his wife, Helen Kathleen Shekleton, on the ground of her misconduct with Major Bell Syer, and agreed damages of £1,000 were assessed against the latter.

Of 3,863,392 demobilized men, said the Minister of Labor in the House of Commons, 339,294 or 8.8 per cent., were drawing out-of-work donation, on February 6th, distributed as follows: Ireland, 27,643; England, 273,458; Wales, 7,288; Scotland, 30,500.

The fire at Cross House, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on December 23, when 12 persons lost their lives, was caused through cinema films in the basement coming into contact with an electric light bulb or a match or a cigarette end being dropped on them, it was found by the coroner's jury.

A case of plague has been reported in the Japanese steamer Ala Maru, lying in the Thames.

Raeburn's portrait of Lady Mary Seymour was sold at Christie's, London, for £4,200.

Dr. Haydn Keeton has completed his 50th year as organist of Peterborough Cathedral.

Attired only in her nightgown, Frances Clements, aged 25 years, of Mansfield road, Hampstead, N.W., was stopped by a policeman about 7 a.m. in South End road, half a mile from her home. She was fast asleep, and the constable took her in an ambulance to Hampstead General Hospital. She was still asleep when examined by the doctor, who certified her as suffering from somnambulism as the result of a nervous breakdown.

The ex-Kaiser's yacht Meteor is said to have been bought by Mr. V. Behar, a Glasgow carpet merchant.

Virulent X-rays disease has attacked Mr. A. C. Taylor, who has worked the apparatus in Peterborough Infirmary since 1896.

A brigadier-general and twenty colonels are among the applicants for the £250 secretaryship of Northampton War Pensions Committee.

A statue to Seaman J. H. Carless, V.C., who was killed in the battle of Heligoland in 1917, has been unveiled at Walsall, Staffs.

Some Berkshire Territorials have just received by post Christmas gifts

the Wyggeston Hospital estate. A jury appointed to hear complaints toured the parish, and decided one or two cases of encroachment.

St. Clement Danes Church, in the Strand, London, has a musical rector, the Rev. F. Pennington-Bickford, whose hymn tunes are regularly sung and who during this Lent has arranged a series of Passion Music performances for Sunday afternoons, when he conducts.

Holme Lacy, the Herefordshire estate, formerly the property of the late Sir Robert Lucas-Lucas-Tooth, has been sold privately. The best bid when the estate was put up to auction was £150,000, though the auctioneer, in asking for an opening bid of £200,000, said that the property had cost the late owner £400,000.

Aged 104, Miss Emmeline Draper has died at Worthing (Sussex).

Willesden Council has prepared a scheme for supplying artificial teeth to mothers.

The Ready Money Football Betting Bill is designed to prevent betting on the coupon system.

At Hanover-square, W., Messrs. Knight, Frank, and Rutley sold for £250,000 Lord Northbrook's Grove Park estate, Lewisham, S.E.

The death is announced, at the age of 85, of Mr. William Thomas Vincent, who was for 20 years editor of the Kentish Independent.

"Our forefathers did know how to swear, but our people are too lazy to learn any other but one word," Mr. Symonds (Clerkenwell magistrate).

An elderly sailor charged with drunkenness at the Thames Police Court said, "I had a couple of what you call pick-me-ups, and they knocked me down."

A cedar of Lebanon has been planted by Sir Paul Makins in the recreation ground which he has presented to Hanley-on-Thames as a memorial to his wife.

Government flax factories at Yeovil (Somerset), which cost £190,000, have been sold for £180,000, states Sir Arthur Griffiths-Boscawen in Parliamentary debates.

A German aeroplane, believed to be one which raided London, is being dismantled at Southampton, where it has been exhibited, and portions are being distributed to local elementary schools.

Dr. F. H. Haynes, J.P., has completed 50 years as a member of the staff of the Warneford Hospital, Leamington, and has been presented with an illuminated address and invited to sit for his portrait in oils.

Lord Strathclyde, Lord Justice General for Scotland, about to resign on account of ill-health. Among those mentioned as his possible successors are Mr. Munro, the Scottish Secretary, and Mr. Clyde, the Lord Advocate.

Dr. J. Emerson Reynolds, the eminent chemist, for nearly thirty years Professor of Chemistry at Dublin University, and Vice-President of the Royal Society of London since 1902, died suddenly at his home in Kensington, London, at the age of 76.

Welsh Ironfounders have declined to grant 40 per cent. increase to employees.

The scheme for extending the boundaries of Nottingham provides for taking in 24 parishes and making the population of the city 360,000.

Mr. Churchill says he cannot entertain the suggestion that, on account of the shortage of labor in the building trade, operatives serving in the army should be released from their military duties.

The Food Controller announces that a limited quantity of sugar will be available for domestic jam making.

The cotton strike and the millers' strike cost the General Federation of Trade Unions £145,710.

At Livingston Mill Farm, Mid Lothian, a cow has given birth to a calf with two heads, four eyes and three ears.

All who served three months or longer with the French Red Cross will receive a certificate from the British Committee.

Silver War Badges will not be issued to those who retired or have been discharged from the army after December 31st.

Princess Mary opened the Victory Club, in Beresford street, Woolwich, which is intended for the recreation of the girls of the district.

A workingmen's house-building association on co-operative lines, with a subscription of 1s a week, is being started in Manchester.

Business men in the City of London are being asked to become "godfathers" to unemployed ex-officers and take an interest in their cases.

Mr. John Wilmot, who was head brewer to a Windsor firm for over fifty years, has died in his 90th year. He always went to business in a silk hat.

Within 24 hours a petition of the Premier against the high price of petrol, issued by the Automobile Association, received more than 10,000 signatures.

A Garnant (Carmarthen) solicitor, Mr. David Griffiths Lewis, was found dead in his drawing-room with, it is stated, his mouth to the tap of a gas fire.

Mr. J. T. Duncan, a shipowner, has given new bells to Landaff Cathedral as a peace offering.

A collection made among the colliers of Whitwick, Leicestershire, for the widows and children of fellow-workmen who fell in the war totalled £1,728 14s. 4d.

Remarking "It will be my last one," a Peterborough platelayer, who had been run over, smoked a cigarette on his way to hospital. He died after admission.

Notwithstanding the railway strike, which caused the abandonment of one meeting last season, a profit of £15,866 was made on the year's working of Colwick Racecourse.

Major H. D. C. Craig, M.C., Highland Light Infantry, of the British Mission to the Baltic, contracted typhus at Narva and died at Reval. He was a son of the late Rev. Robert Craig, of Ardintny.

In accordance with centuries old custom a Court leet was held at Swanton, Leicestershire, for the tenants on

the Poles, the communication continues, captured one tank, and some machine guns and prisoners. Simultaneously the Poles attacked the Seventh Bolshevik Division, which was on the offensive in the sector of Emilozen, and compelled the enemy to retreat easterly, abandoning his batteries, horses, ammunition carts and machine gun. At other points attempts to cross the River Suez were checked.

The communication adds that intensive artillery fire continues by both sides along this and other sectors, and that the Bolsheviks are concentrating as rapidly as possible and reforming their shattered units for the purpose of re-attacking.

On the Podolian front the Bolsheviks have attacked Novosienlawke, Latyczew and Novosienlawke, and the sector south-west of Derazna. Heavy fighting followed these attacks, which were preceded by artillery preparations. A number of villages in the region of Derazna changed hands time and again, but the Poles, counter-attacking in the end were the victors. There was much hand-to-hand fighting in these villages, the fighting lasting all day and night.

BESPOKEN.

Mistress—"I saw the milkman kiss you this morning. In the future I will take in the milk myself."

Jane—"It would be no use, mumm. He's promised never to kiss anybody but me."

You can't always tell how sharp a fellow is till you sit on his point of view.

## WOMAN OPPOSES DR. MACNAMARA

Latter for Lloyd George, but Liberals Hostile.

Other Interesting Contests in Great Britain.

London cable says: Undoubtedly the keenest of several by-elections now being fought is in Camberwell, where, Dr. MacNamara seeks re-election on receiving ministerial promotion. Dr. MacNamara will go forth in Premier Lloyd George's new programme aimed at Labor's alleged absorption by syndicalism and Socialism. Dr. MacNamara was originally elected for the constituency as a Liberal, but the Liberal organization revolted from him when he helped oppose Sir John Simon in Spen Valley, Camberwell. Liberals are now supporting Mr. J. C. Carroll against Dr. MacNamara, but indications are that the election will rest largely between Dr. MacNamara and Miss Susan Lawrence, Labor candidate, who will certainly receive a big woman's vote in such a working class district.

Mr. Walter Runciman, shipping magnate, formerly a member of Mr. Asquith's administration, is fighting North Edinburgh, vacant through Scottish League changes. Patrick J. Ford has been adopted as a Coalitionist by both wings of the party. James Maxton, Scottish Labor organizer, is Labor candidate.

In Northampton, Mr. Charles McCurdy, new Food Controller, will fight Miss Margaret Beaufield, Laborist. Northampton Liberals are supporting Mr. McCurdy. "In special circumstances in this election and because we feel he is the best man for the office to which he has been appointed," maintain the Liberal party as a separate instrument and offer uncompromising opposition to fusion proposals.

## SHOT SON TO SAVE HIS SOUL

Chicago Father's Method With Wayward Boy

After Every Other Means Had Failed.

Chicago despatch: Frank Pinano, jun., to-day was at the County Hospital with three bullet wounds in his body. Frank Pinano, sen., was held at a police station, where officers said a murder charge would be placed if the 18-year-old boy died.

"I shot him to save his soul," the aged man told the police. "I would rather kill him myself than have the police do it. For months I have been worried every time I heard of a 'stick up' for fear my son had been killed. I tried to get him to buckle down, but he would not do it."

Frank jun., according to court records, slipped into a near crime record when he was fourteen years old. Two years later he had become a recognized gangster, and repeatedly was arrested. A year ago his father carried him bodily to the police, and had Frank, Jr., confined to a boys' home. Two months later he was released, at the instance of Mrs. Pinano.

Between sobs, the aged father told the police of how for two years he had herded his family of ten other children to the Church of Our Lady of Pompei on Sunday, but that Frank jun. always was missing—"hanging out with his gang."

Last night, Pinano, sen. continued, he determined to make a final effort to reclaim his boy. Encountered with friends at a street corner, the youth sneered, and walked away to escape "being bawled out by his goody-goody old man," the father said, and he fired five times. Two bullets hit Frank Jr., in the legs and the third seriously wounded him in the back.

## IRISH OUTLOOK NOW VERY GRAVE

Conditions in West and South Extremely So.

Public So Enraged As to Be Irrational.

London special cable says: The Dublin correspondents of the London Times describes the situation in Ireland in the darkest colors. He says the outlook is serious. Conditions in the west and south are extremely grave. The position, had last week, is now definitely worse. Public feeling is so fiercely inflamed as to become quite irrational. The most outrageous charges against the Government are accepted as gospel truth.

The correspondent says the Sinn Fein asks the country to accept the monstrous theory that Lord Mayor MacCurran was killed by actual agents of the Government. He describes the overnight riot in Dublin as another danger signal, and says it is impossible to get an impartial account of the incident, the popular version being that the soldiers provoked and assaulted civilians. The correspondent learns that the soldiers were stoned by the crowd because they left the theatre singing the National Anthem as a protest against the failure of the theatre orchestra to play it. He adds that public op-

inion throughout the country is exasperated by a wild charge against the police and soldiers, who hardly would be human if they did not resent the campaign of murder and calumny.

THE INQUEST.

Cork cable says: Evidence at today's hearing in the inquest over the murder last week of Lord Mayor MacCurran, of Cork, tended to strengthen the suspicion that the crime may have been committed by one or more members of the police force.

Attorney Lynch, representing the murdered man's family, pointed out that the Lord Mayor's house is close to the police barracks, that the police made no investigation in the house when three rifle shots were fired, but merely held up passers-by. The attorney charged that police, wearing civilian clothes, were seen after the crime entering the barracks from the direction of the scene of the murder. He added he would prove that police revolver bullets were found in the MacCurran home's door. A button from a police tunic found in the Mayor's home was introduced as evidence by Lynch, who suggested that the authorities might identify the man from whose uniform such a button was missing.

Mr. Lynch challenged the authorities to produce the book showing what men were out of barracks on Friday night.

The Lord Mayor's widow testified, amid sobs, that she believed from the appearance of the men who entered her house they were policemen.

## IRISH UNREST

Spies Honeycomb the Sinn Fein Ranks.

London cable says: The recent seizure of Dublin Castle mail bags, says an Evening News despatch from Belfast, has disclosed the fact that the Republican army ranks are honeycombed with spies and informers, to whom are attributed some of the more recent Irish tragedies. The newspaper adds that to-day there were further transfers of large bodies of the Irish Constabulary from the north of Ireland to the south.

The inquest on the body of Lord Mayor MacCurran was resumed at 7 o'clock this evening in the Cork City Hall. There was a large police guard. It was announced on behalf of the Attorney-General that all facilities would be given for the fullest investigation.

Several witnesses were examined concerning the circumstances of the murder and the subsequent visit of the military to the Lord Mayor's house. Their testimony, however, added little to the details already published. Nothing was disclosed to throw light on the motive or identity of the assassins.

## When Boston Was in Trouble.

In 1774, on the 1st of June, the Boston port bill went into operation. At noon the harbor was closed against all vessels and business was suspended. In a 20 days' notice the citizens of Boston were deprived of their means of gaining a living. Indignation ran high throughout the colonies, contributions were raised in other cities for their relief, and the people of Marblehead offered the Boston merchants the use of their wharves.

The man who stands in his own light doesn't necessarily keep other people in the dark.

Once upon a time the gallant used to kiss his lady's hand. The modern girl will tell you it's entirely out of place.

## GERMANY MUST RESTORE ORDER

Allies to Hold Aloof in the Ruhr Valley.

United States Concur in Their Decision.

Washington despatch: The United States has joined Great Britain and Italy in the proposal to grant permission to the Ebert Government to send troops into the Ruhr district to prevent its forcible occupation by Spartans.

This became known to-day in military circles after it was announced at the State Department that Secretary of State Colby and Colonel Davis, the American military representative at Berlin, had exchanged messages on the situation. The stand taken by this Government is a direct variance with the French proposal that Marshal Foch enter the disputed territory with 80,000 Allied troops. It was clearly understood here by officials that the French position was based on the distrust that would be felt throughout all France were any large German military force within striking distance of the Allied zones of occupation.

The policy of the United States, England and Italy, it is explained, is that the Ebert Government, as long as it remains in power, has the right to quell disorder and safeguard its nationals within its own borders. Action by the Ebert Government in sending a body of troops in the Ruhr district would not be a violation of the armistice; on the contrary it would give the Ebert regime, if it restored order in the Ruhr district, a better opportunity to observe all the terms of the armistice and maintain some semblance of a national existence in Germany.

In short, it is the intention of the United States to give all the latitude possible to the Ebert Government in the hope that it will work out a decent existence for the German people.

Bobbs—I wonder why they don't get married. It's worth her weight in gold. Slobbs—Maybe he's waiting for her to weigh more.

## ORDER BRITISH FROM PALESTINE

Constantinople cable says: Despatches from Beirut announce that Emir Feisal, recently proclaimed King of Syria, has given the French until April 6th to leave Syria, and the Arabs have ordered the British out of Palestine.

Prince Feisal, son of the King of Hedjaz, has been ordered to explain to the Supreme Council of the Allies the crowning of him as King of Syria. Mr. Lloyd George announced that recognition was denied him by the Allies as the ruler of the country, and Lebanon protested against his sovereignty.

After the ceremony of his proclamation, Emir Feisal declared that this would not affect relations with the Allies.

## ASQUITH DECLINES.

Refuses Lloyd George's Invitation for Coalition.

London cable says: Herbert H. Asquith, former Premier, who recently was elected to the House of Commons from Paisley, Scotland, in a speech at the National Liberal Club to-day, replied to Premier Lloyd George's declaration that all the old parties should unite against the Labor party to prevent Bolshevism.

Mr. Asquith said the appeal was for class cleavage, and the most mischievous thing that had been done. "I am glad we are approaching the close of a transient era of organized ineffectuality," Mr. Asquith declared, adding that the free Liberals would not be "harnessed to the wheels of the Tory chariot."

Mr. Asquith branded the Irish bill "a most fantastic and impracticable scheme, and the greatest travesty of self-government ever offered a nation."

## EBERT GIVES IN TO SOCIALISTS

They Will Form New German Cabinet.

Gen. von Luettwitz Under Arrest.

London cable: The Bauer Government has come to terms with the extremists at the cost of sweeping concessions, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to The London Times. A purely Socialist Cabinet is to be formed, which will try to re-establish order and hold general elections. The State troops will be immediately withdrawn, and Berlin Workmen's Guards formed.

The general strike will be stopped, but instantly resumed if the Government is unable to effectuate the stipulated conditions.

The foregoing agreement was reached this afternoon between Secretary Bauer and the trade union leaders, and was followed by a split in the Independent, the smaller part of whom joined the Communists.

LUETTWITZ IN CUSTODY.

Berlin cable says: Major-Gen. von Luettwitz, the military commander in the Kapp revolt, has been placed under arrest, it is officially announced. Admiral von Trotha, chief of the Admiralty, has also been arrested. There is no definite news of Kapp's whereabouts. It is supposed he is on his estate in East Prussia.

NOT IN HOYLE.

The young woman from the country was a guest at a dinner at which a noted explorer was the centre of attraction. Being of a somewhat languid turn, she devoted more attention to the dinner than to the conversation. When the repast was at an end she turned to her left-hand neighbor and asked:

"And what was the drowsy old gentleman talking about?"

"Progressive Peru," was the reply.

"Is that so?" continued the young woman, with some interest. "And how do you play it?"

EASY, EXTERNALLY.

Elder Sister—"Come, Clarence, take your powder like a man. You never hear me making any complaint about such a little thing as that."

Clarence (sighing)—"Neither would I if I could put it on my face; it's swallerin' it that I object to."

HIS GUESS.

"Why was the poor sick man told to take up his bed and walk?" asked the Sabbath school teacher.

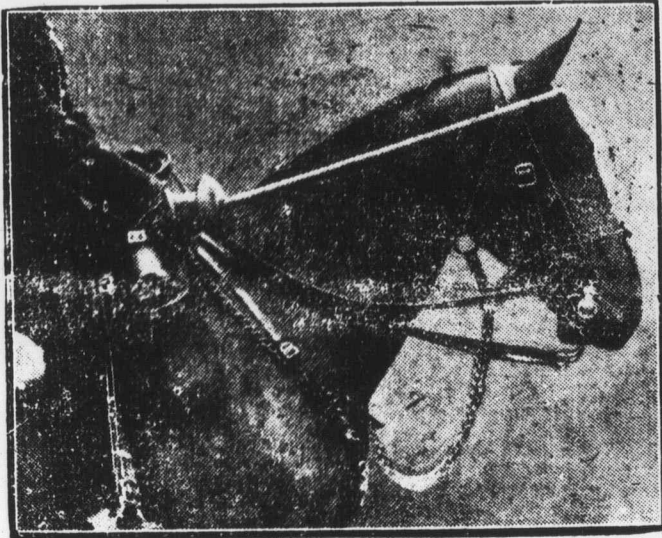
"I s'pose he couldn't pay his rent," answered Skinny Simpson.

## LUDENDORFF ON TREASON CHARGE

London cable says: The Times, in a despatch from Rotterdam, says it is learned that a charge of high treason has been lodged against General Ludendorff, former Chief Commissioner of the German army, and that Rear-Admiral von Trotha, former Chief of the Admiralty, is under guard at a shooting box in the neighborhood of Berlin, as a result of their connection with the present revolt.

A Massbode despatch says that Prince Henry, of Prussia, a brother of former Emperor William, was arrested a few days ago, but that he was liberated as there was nothing that could be proved against him.

There isn't much difference between trying to flatter an egotist and carrying coals to Newcastle.



NEW WEAPON FOR IRISH POLICE.

Dublin's mounted police force has been issued a new weapon in the shape of an ash stick. In a recent Sinn Fein battle the rioters thought they were swords. The picture shows the close resemblance.