

A Glance at Life in Great Britain---Happenings in England, Ireland and Scotland Briefly Chronicled

ENGLAND

A \$50,000 GIFT

Lincoln County Accepts Mr. Carnegie's Big Donation For Library.

Lincoln City Council on Tuesday accepted an offer by Mr. Andrew Carnegie to give £10,000 for the provision of a public library.

Over £423 was realized last year from the sale of waste-paper collected in the city of London, and £181 from the sale of this found among the 80,000 tons of refuse collected, says the city engineer's report, issued on Tuesday.

A search was begun recently in the sea near the Lighthouse on Great Orme's Head, Llandudno, for treasure amounting to £60,000, which is believed to have lain buried beneath the waves for 86 years. On Jan. 1, 1824, the Hornby Castle, from Liverpool, was blown off the coast of Llandudno, and at about midnight was dashed against the rugged rocks of the Great Orme, which at that point rise to a height of about 600 feet. One of the crew was saved. In addition to general cargo the Hornby Castle had goods to the amount of £60,000 on board, and it was to endeavor to recover this the Lady Kate salvage steamer, of Liverpool, arrived at Llandudno and started the search under the direction of Mr. John Gibney, of Liverpool, the well-known diving expert.

The ingenuity of a policeman was commended at Spalding police court, when two men were committed for trial on a charge of housebreaking. The policeman caught the prisoners in the act. He handcuffed one to a telephone post, and then went after the other man, who was subsequently arrested.

Mr. Robert Mills, surgeon, has celebrated his 100th birthday at Oxford.

Great Britain's half-yearly export trade in motor cycles now exceeds £45,000. Nearly 600,000 cycles are manufactured in Great Britain and Ireland each year.

The late Mr. Richard Peyton, of Birmingham, left £210,776 net, bequeathing about £27,000 to charity.

The late Mr. John Hammond, of Newmarket, who from stableboy became a racehorse owner, left estate valued at £243,649.

Eight million pounds' worth of fish are landed at English ports every twelve months. This includes shellfish, but no salmon.

SHOT BY RAMROD

Wiltshire Man Killed His Brother in an Attempt to Frighten Him.

To frighten his brother, who had been turned out of the house and was breaking the windows, Job Franklin, of Lynnham, Wiltshire, is said to have fired powder charges. He forgot, however, to withdraw the ramrod, which penetrated his brother's chest, killing him. Unaware of the tragedy, Job went to bed, but when finding his brother's dead body in the garden he gave himself up to the police. Later



SERMON FROM SHAKESPEARE

The middle of humanity thou never knewest, but the extremity of both ends.

—Timon of Athens, Act. IV, Sc. 3.

Apemantus, the cynic philosopher of "Timon of Athens," was a rarer against humanity. He had faith in no one, according to him all men were base and sordid. But even Apemantus could utter words of wisdom, and this pithy summing up of the cause of the ruin of Timon should be taken to heart by all given to extreme courses. Timon was prodigal of his wealth. He lived in the present, with no thought of the future; he had generous impulses and he selfishly gratified his impulses, without stopping to consider whether or not he could afford to be. Even costly presents on every favorable day. In his state of prosperity his motto was, "We are born to do benefit"; in his adversity he proclaimed, "I am Misanthropos, and hate mankind." His fault lay in the fact that he had failed to select the golden mean between excess and defect. Even a colossal fortune would not have withstood his extravagance. He had foolishly supposed that all men were generous; rudely awakened from his dream, his faith in humanity gone, he fled to the wilderness and lived like a beast of the forest, solacing himself by unpacking his heart with words against the world he had left.

Apemantus and Timon were predecessors to Aristotle and Shakespeare, in the words of the text, but anticipate the philosophy of the great Greek teacher. Every man has to confront in one form or another his Charybdis of excess and Scylla of defect. The man who is able to choose the middle channel where the deep water is, and with a strong hand on his passions and appetites, steer a watchful course, is in but little danger from the rocks and whirlpools. The evil effects of extreme action have many illustrations in life. For example the matter of eating and drinking: Food is essential for existence. The great majority of the ill that flesh is heir to are due to overindulgence or unwise abstinence. On the one hand there is the glutton, who seems unable to resist the cravings of appetite; on the other, the ascetic, who starves his body. The glutton becomes coarse, gross and beastly, a mental sluggard; the ascetic grows emaciated, anemic and apathetic. Food and drink are excellent servants, but must not be either overworked or underworked. Clothes are likewise essential to existence. A man may survive without a schoolmaster, but he would perish without a tailor. There is nothing

In the day he was charged and re-charged. Mr. Balfour left England for Austria without returning to London. The leader of the Opposition intends to spend three weeks in Austria. Because he is too young the governors of Bangor County schools have been unable to grant a scholarship to Evan Owen, Llanfairfechan, who was top boy in the Bangor district at the recent examination of the county education committee.

An English dentist who went into the country the other day to extract a woman's tooth had to give it up because her children threw the poker at him and tore off his coat tails in preventing what they thought was a violent assault upon their mother.

An educated monkey has been given people a lively time at Tilbury. The animal has been taught to strike matches, and it is alleged to have shown its aptness for learning by causing a fire which destroyed a cinematograph theatre.

"An English dentist of this world; I'm going to see about the next," said a fisherman of Cophorne, who tried to hang himself. But he didn't succeed, for some reason or other, and he was taken down by a fisherman. The fisherman of Cophorne, who tried to hang himself, was taken down by a fisherman. The fisherman of Cophorne, who tried to hang himself, was taken down by a fisherman.

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Kelham Forge and Rolling Mills, Sheffield, were sold by public auction to Mr. T. W. Ward, of the Albion Works, Sheffield, for £12,000. The whole of the works, plant and machinery were valued at £12,000.

WAR ON WASPS

Some 3,000 "Queens" Killed in Contest For Flower Show Committee's Prize.

The prize offered by the flower show committee at Four Elms, Edenbridge, for the largest number of dead queen wasps was secured by W. A. Locke, who killed 730. There were about 2,000 brought to the show altogether.

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A dinner was given by the Authors' Club, London, in celebration of the 90th anniversary of Thackeray's birth. Col. Sir Edward Talbot Thackeray, a cousin of the late author, presided, and the guest of the evening was Sir Alington West.

In Croydon Union Infirmary Harriet Belton celebrated her 100th birthday. She remembers her uncle returning from the battle of Waterloo, and has a son aged 70 living.

The season for the hunting of the wild deer of Exmoor opened on Wednesday with a meet of the Devon and Somerset Stagholders. There has been hunting on the moor from Saxons times. Nowadays the fields often number 500. Deer are unusually plentiful this year.

Following a hearse conveying the body of an old dog, fancier named George Lacey, of Smith street, Kennington, to Tooting Cemetery, were three bull terriers which had been brought to the old man.

At midnight recently the "thorough toll" at Newcastle-on-Tyne, which had been in existence for 700 years, ceased. Originally granted for the purpose of repairing the city walls, the right to collect this toll was confirmed by an act of Parliament, its application being diverted to the upkeep of the streets. Its abolition was one of the terms on which the extension of the city boundaries was granted six years ago, and the citizens will now lose some £7,000 or £8,000 a year from this source.

Carlisle had a similar toll until a few years ago, and with the abolition of that at Newcastle it is believed that the last "thorough toll" in England has disappeared.

TEN-BROTHER TEAM

Ten Members of One Family in an Interesting Game of Cricket.

Playing in one of the teams at a cricket match at South Croydon were ten brothers named Parris, the youngest being nineteen years of age. They made 155 runs in two innings against their opponents, the Parkside Cricket Club, whose total was 71.

While examining an antique chest of drawers which he recently purchased at an auction, a Stuybridge resident discovered a secret drawer in which were eleven spare guineas and a number of shares in successful local undertakings.

"Boxlands," a private house at the foot of Box Hill, near Dorking, belonging to Mr. Craven, was gutted by fire on Wednesday. At one time an old-fashioned farmhouse, the residence recently was modernized.

Exmouth's new park of fifteen acres of slopes and woodland, presented by the family of the late Sir John Budd Phear, was formally opened on Monday. Nearly 2,000 children were given the honor of the event, and each was presented with a mug, suitably inscribed.

Though coal is costing the South Metropolitan Gas Company £40,000 a year more, and gas a penny 1,600 feet cheaper than a year ago, the profit on the past half-year's supply enabled the same dividend to be provided as was paid six months ago—£5.50, 4d. per share.

The Government has placed with Messrs. Libby, McNeill & Libby, a contract for one million pounds of corned beef for military use, at what is said to be a record price.

The order for the tin has been given to a Welsh firm, and the cans will be sent from Wales to Chicago, where the meat will be packed under the supervision of various inspectors acting under the instructions of the British war department.

One of the latest associations formed by London Scots is the Wimbledon and District Scots Association, of which the mayor of Wimbledon is honorary president, and which has been formed "to maintain and extend the ties of Scotland by the cultivation of a knowledge of Scotland's history, literature, music, dancing, and sports, and to promote social and friendly intercourse among the residents in Wimbledon and District."

The Hon. Sir Malcolm Donald McEachern, of Wigtown and Melbourne, one of the founders of Melbourne, McEachern, who spent years of London and Australia, who died at Cannes last left property valued at £421,000. He bequeathed £5,000 to the Royal Caledonian School, and £5,000 for distribution for charitable purposes.

BOY SAVED CREW

Swam With Rope to Sinking Ship When All Hope of Rescue Had Vanished.

It was stated at the annual swimming sports of the East Suffolk Council Schools that a lad taught at a Suffolk country school to swim had effected a daring rescue on the west coast of Ireland. When hope of rescue had almost been abandoned, the boy swam to a sinking ship with a rope tied round his body.

For £2 10s the old Fairlop boat, which the shipwrights of London used to take on a pilgrimage to Hainault Forest on the first Friday in each July, has been sold to a Chadwell Heath publican.

Consumption of shellfish, and particularly of mussels, is said by Dr. Newsholme, medical officer of the local government board, to be a frequent source of enteric fever in Durham, which has the highest death-rate from this disease of any county in England and Wales.

By the retirement of Mr. James Edward Gaffney, school clerk, Eton loses an interesting personality. Mr. Gaffney was a sergeant-major in the Sixtieth Rifles, and came to Eton in June, 1891. It was his duty to see that unpunctual boys registered their names in "Tardy Book."

In the village of Stathe, on the banks of the River Parrett, resides William Broome, who has lived in the same cottage for 94 years in the same cottage. He is still very active, and tastes never tasted medicine. He is great-grandfather, grandfather, and father, but only six of his descendants are living.

The King sent a telegram of congratulation to Mrs. Delacourt, of Manor Cottage, Wiltshire, who celebrated her birthday on Monday. She lives with her daughter, who was 37 years nurse to the family of Sir James Whitehead, of Wiltshire Manor.

CURATE'S CAREER

Varied Experience of a Northumberland Minister, Now a Missionary.

The Rev. W. E. Dexter, curate of Wallend, Northumberland, who is sailing for Australia in the Medic to take up missionary work, was once a sea captain, his vessel being engaged in conveying the Armenian pilgrims to Mecca. He also served in the South African war as a trooper of Lumsden's Horse.

John Callaghan, a naval reservist, who threatened his little daughter with a stick because she visited an aunt against his wish, was at Reigate on Monday sentenced to three months' hard labor.

Mr. Haldane arrived at Criccieth on Tuesday, and will be the guest of the Chancellor and Mrs. Lloyd George at Brynawelo.

Joseph Son, of Innsbruck, one of the well-known corps of riflemen in the Tyrol known as the Kaiser Jäger, fell and was killed while looking for edelweiss in the Alps near Corvara.

Middlesex County council has agreed to contribute £1,000 towards the purchase of the Grange Estate, at Kilburn (where once stood the hunting-box of Charles I.), for use as an open space.

Lady Dalmeny, wife of Lord Dalmeny, eldest son of Lord Rosebery, gave birth to a son on Monday at 38, Berkeley Square. Lady Dalmeny is the daughter of Lord Dalmeny, governor and granddaughter of the late Duke of Westminster.

The elevation to the peerage of Sir Charles Hardinge, who is to follow Lord Minto as Viceroy of India, is gazetted. Baron Hardinge of Penshurst, in the county of Kent, is the new vicar's title. His elder brother is Viscount Hardinge, whose seat is at Bath.

The Rev. A. T. Light-Gregory, one of the oldest beneficed clergymen in England, has just died at Bawdsey-on-Sea, Suffolk, of which parish he had been vicar for 40 years.

When the manager of the Derham (Norfolk) branch of Barclay's Bank came to open the safe on Wednesday he found that someone with a key had been here before him and robbed it of stacks of gold. No clue to the lost £2,000 has yet been discovered.

Not long ago two officials of the bank were sent to prison as the result of a disclosure of serious deficits.

IRELAND

BREACH OF PROMISE

An Amusing Case—Small "Fortunes" and Brief Wooing Its Features.

An amusing breach of promise case was tried at Galway quarter sessions, when Miss Margaret O'Donnell, living near Ballinasloe, was awarded £12 damages against Edward Donohue, of Mellickmore. It appears that the parties met on the 12th of the month, the match was broken off on the 27th, and the defendant married another girl on the 30th. A witness described a meeting in a public-house at which the bride entered the room, and the parties were being discussed. The defendant, who was the plaintiff's lover, was with each other. The defendant embraced the plaintiff. "He had his arm round her for an hour and a half," said the witness. "The question of fortune was being discussed on and on. The defendant said that he was satisfied with the lady if her friends satisfied him as to her fortune, but she did not do so, and he married another woman with a 'fortune' of £70.

A love quarrel which may have a fatal ending was investigated at Ennisken, when John Brackenbridge was charged with shooting at a young farmer, named Edward Elliott, said to be prisoner's rival for the hand of a neighboring farmer's daughter, a young woman named Mollie. The girl stated that she had been with the defendant's residence on business which she did not want anyone to know. She deposed to prisoner taking down his gun and handing a shot. Prisoner expressed his sorrow and regret and was remanded pending the death or recovery of his rival.

The North of Ireland has again suffered from thunder storms accompanied by hail. In the county of Wick 200 fowls were killed by hailstones, which are said to have been as large as eggs.

In the Scavon and Lisnagade districts, Windward were broken and other crops were entirely destroyed, while fruit trees were very severely damaged, boughs being torn off and the trees stripped of fruit. An expensive constable named Brennan, who was working on the road at Knockroghery, Roscommon County, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. A farmhouse close to Gormanston, near the constable's residence, was set on fire, and the farmer, his wife and children, who were at tea, had barely time to escape before the whole house was ablaze.

BRAVE SIGNALMAN

Rescues Lady From Death at the Peril of His Own Life.

A case of remarkable heroism on the part of a signalman occurred at Strabane, County Tyrone, recently. Mrs. Neill, wife of a Presbyterian clergyman, had reached the station from Belfast, and to make connection for Letterkenny she had to go to the other side of the station. Thinking she had not sufficient time to cross the footbridge Mrs. Neill started to cross the tracks, and failed to notice the approach of a train. Several passengers tried to help her, but she was unable to get to the footbridge. A signalman, springing on to the line in front of the engine, and seizing the lady, dragged her out of danger just as the train came up.

Dublin Bay have been very unfortunate lately, their efforts proving almost fruitless results. It is suggested that the absence of fish is explained by two remarkable catches made last week by fishermen, who hauled in two young sharks, each measuring about six feet in length caught off Dalkey Island. The sharks

apparently gobbled fishes that had got caught on the fishermen's hooks, and were thereby captured themselves. One of the sharks had nearly the whole of the long line twisted round its head and body, and seemed to have been strangled, while the other was badly torn inwardly, where the hook had cut it. The specimens were brought to the pier at Kingstown, where they were inspected with much interest by residents and visitors.

Mr. Birrell promises another loan of a million for Irish laborers' cottages. Mr. Thomas Wall, chief divisional police magistrate, Dublin, has died at the age of 73.

Middleton Distillery in County Cork is suspending business for a year in consequence of the retention in the budget of the extra tax on whiskey.

The Laird Line have a daily service of steamers between Heysham and Dublin, and a bi-weekly service between Heysham and Londonderry.

DEADLY MEASLES

Serious Outbreak of the Disease in County Kerry—Fatal Cases.

Belfast Corporation has approved a scheme for a new park, tramways extensions, and artisans' dwellings, which will cost £161,000.

Scotland won the recent international bowling championship at Belfast, beating England in the final game by 36 shots to 65. Ireland beat Wales by 32 shots.

Mr. John Burns has lost his old seat in the House of Commons by the death of Mr. Samuel Burnside, at the age of 94. Mr. Burns was a loyal and liberal member, whose place will be hard to fill.

A serious outbreak of black measles has occurred in the district of Templemore, County Kerry, and seven deaths are reported. The victims are all young men between the ages of 20 and 27 years. Forty cases are being treated.

At Dublin Presbytery Rev. Dr. Prendergast reported the death of Mr. Robert Paul, senior elder of Ormond Quay Church, who for 65 years had been a member of the congregation, and for over 30 years had been a ruling elder.

A schoolmaster at Munster gives the following inventory of the contents of one of his pupils' pockets: A hammer, two pencils, a brick, five yards of string, two ice cream plates, three spoons, marbles, a whistle, a card key, a card, a pocket mirror, buttons, postage stamps, a violin string, a mask, two story-books, and a horseshoe.

The first Belfast built ship was a wooden schooner of 150 tons, the builder being a local Presbyterian clergyman. This was in 1836, but it was not till 1850 that any serious attempt was made in the shipbuilding line so far as Belfast was concerned. In that year Thomas Barnes & Co., in addition to starting the Belfast Iron Works, erected a small slip on the now famous Queen's Island, which has long since lost its insular position, though still retaining the name, which was given it after the late Queen Victoria's visit in 1849, previous to which it was known as Dargan's Island.

SCOTLAND

VERY SAD AFFAIR

Attendants at Late Pastor's Funeral See Their Relatives Drown.

A sad drowning disaster occurred recently at Buckhaven. A number of mourners were attending the burial of their pastor, Rev. W. McGhie, when the news passed through the crowd that a yawl had sunk off the harbor, and that three men had been drowned. The men—Thomas Thomson, Samuel Eadie, and John Deas—had left about 4 o'clock to try the handlines, and were not far out when a gale of wind struck the sail and sent the boat overboard. The three men were seen struggling in the water, but before another yawl could gain the spot, the last of the men had disappeared. Mr. Thompson's eldest son was one of those who attended the funeral, and both Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Eadie were in the party when news reached them of the disaster.

During the six months ended June 30 the value of whitefish landed on the Scottish coasts was £1,438,182, excluding the value of shell fish—£236,968.

Accompanied by the stirring strains of the Reel o' Tulloch nearly 1,000 members and friends of the Dundee Celtic and Musical Association set off on a cruise recently.

The remains of General Alastair MacDonald, late of Dunstaffnage, have been interred at Kilmoch Rannoch. The body had been cremated, and the cremated remains were deposited in the MacDonald Mausoleum.

A Glasgow naturalist has an Australian lovebird, which, in addition to whistling, can speak distinctly over 50 words.

An electric locomotive of 1,000-horsepower, which it is said, can be used on any railway without live rails or wires, has been successfully tested at Glasgow. It is said that it effects a great economy in fuel. It has a steam turbine, which makes 3,000 revolutions a minute, and a dynamo, which supplies the electricity to four motors, by which the wheels are directly driven.

A young constable in the central division of Glasgow observed two gentlemen enter a close and begin to study a newspaper. He at once informed his superior officer of his suspicions that the couple were bookmakers, and on that official having a look at the "alleged bookies" he recognized the deputy town clerk and the city stipendiary. They had been especially interested in a certain paragraph in a journal and had gone to read it where they could get shelter from the rain.

Leith Corporation's Gas Commissioners. Through the kindness of Ballie Inches a silver plate with suitable inscription was recently inserted in the back of it.

Sir Keith Fraser is to marry Lady Dorothy Coventry, daughter of the Earl of Coventry. Sir Keith is 58th baronet, and owns Inverlodge House, in Rose-shire.

WHALE IN THE TAY

Unique Catch Made by Fishermen in the Vicinity of Newport.

On the 16th of July a fire occurred at Maxwellton House, Thornhill. This mansion is the birthplace of Annie Laurie, famous in the song "Maxwellton Brigs Are Bonny."

On the 19th of July a whale 25 feet long, was captured in the Tay, near Newport.

Queen Alexandra has presented to the art gallery a volume which describes and illustrates the famous collection of presents given by the princes and potentates of India, to King Edward VII. when as Prince of Wales he visited the Oriental Empire in 1875-6. The collection was exhibited in Glasgow about 30 years ago.

James Drummond, keeper of Tili-country Town Hall and town's beil-ringer, was found dead on the 17th of July by his son suspended by the rope of the bell in the tower of the clock.

The rate of wages and the working agreement in the building trade in Paisley will be the same next year as in the past twelve months.

Paisley consumes 734 gallons of water per day, but there is no information as to how much whiskey it mixes with the aqua.

A Clyde-side riveter who shouted to a crowd of emigrants aboard a Canadian liner "Bring me home a monkey," is said to have been promptly informed "We're Americans, not gang-bangers, about yer relations."

Some Ayr visitors know that the son of a Newmarket blacksmith, who began his professional career as a stableboy, has just left a fortune of fully a quarter-million.

Jedburgh Abbey is one of the most interesting ruins in Scotland. Its chancel is the veritable work of King David I., the royal builder and most noble have combining grace with simplicity is justly admired for its state appearance, while the venerable edifice is an object of great interest to the student, displaying as it does every style of architecture from early Norman to the period of the Reformation.

The congregation of Shotts (Lanarkshire) U. F. Church are making preparations for celebrating their diamond jubilee this month.

SAVED MANY LIVES

Quarryman's Promptness Averted What Would Have Been a Catastrophe.

Year by year the Orkneys are becoming more and more a favorite resort of the holidaymaker. Until a few years ago the visitors, although numerous, were mostly relatives of friends of the residents.

Not aside all the pleasant things that have passed away in the person of Captain Robert Marshall, who died recently in London, at the comparatively early age of 47 years. He was born in Edinburgh and was educated at Madras College, St. Andrews, and Edinburgh University. He was intended for the profession of medicine, but he enlisted as a private soldier, rose rapidly in the ranks, but ultimately became a successful writer of plays.

Sir John A. Grant, K.C.M.G., a distinguished Highlander, who has spent the major part of his life in Canada, was recently presented with the freedom of Inverness in recognition of his brilliant services to the Dominion and to medical science.

An East Lothian quarryman named James Combe by his prompt action saved himself and many others from being crushed to death under several hundred tons of falling rock. He was at work on a 60-foot face over a piece of rock which was acting as a keystone to the whole fabric. The falling of a few small stones led him to make investigations, whereby he discovered an open seam, a foot in width. He had just time to get clear and to give warning to a number of carters working below when the entire rock came down with a crash.

An old book picked up in the Saltmarket Place of the Edinburgh, and sold for £1,520.

The chair used by Sir Walter as chairman of the Edinburgh Gas Company is preserved in the office in Waterloo Place of the Edinburgh, and sold for £1,520.