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Special to the Evening Telegram.

LONDON, April 2.

The movement towards a peaceful settlement of the Home Rule controversy on the basis of a scheme for the federation of the British Isles continues to receive a good deal of attention in Parliamentary circles. Carson, who will re-open the Home Rule debate Monday may be trusted to state Ulster's attitude towards the Federal solution. The Nationalists do not consider there can be any question of yielding up Ireland under any federal scheme. In their opinion Ireland must be treated as a unit. British Unionists are divided on the point. There is certainly a strong body of Unionist members opposed to federalism, and, on the whole, there is little likelihood of any immediate agreement, although it is true that there is now a greater volume of opinion in favor of a settlement of some sort than ever before.

Unionists are unlikely to oppose Premier Asquith's re-election. The matter will be settled at a meeting of the Unionist executive committee to-day.

General Sir Charles Douglas, G.C.B., Inspector General of the Home Forces since 1912, has been appointed as Chief of the Imperial General Staff in succession to General French, resigned.

LONDON, April 2.

There is a division of opinion over the King's action, both in army circles and among the equestrians and nobles in waiting, who are mainly recruited from navy and army officers. Two equestrians have already resigned, and it is rumored that there are others, who regard the King's action as unconstitutional, and who say that he should not have directed officers who resigned, to be allowed to return to their regiments. A special summons to attend at Buckingham Palace next week has been sent to a number of equestrians, with the object of ascertaining their views on the King's action. Those who do not fully support His Majesty will be asked to resign.

Are Your Eyes Right.

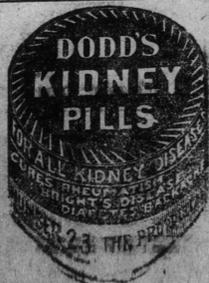
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M. C. I. Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the M.C.I. took place last night, and closed the 47th session of the Institute. The reports from the Secretary and Treasurer showed satisfactory progress. The Institute showed its sympathy in the appalling disaster that has overtaken so many of our seafarers, and made a vote of \$25 towards any fund that may be established for the relief of those who are deprived of their breadwinners. The election of officers resulted as follows:
President, Mr. J. S. Currie, re-elected.
1st Vice-President, Mr. W. White, re-elected.
2nd Vice-President, Mr. Thos. Pope, re-elected.
Secretary, Mr. Owen W. Steele, elected.
Asst.-Secretary, Mr. Geo. Taylor, elected.
Treasurer, Mr. W. Butt, elected.
Asst.-Treasurer, Mr. A. Edgcombe, elected.
Librarian, Mr. Harold Macpherson.
Committee, Messrs. H. E. Cowgill, S. P. Whiteaway, C. C. Pratt.

G.F.S. QUARTERLY MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the G.F.S. Friendly Society took place last night when the Rev. A. Clayton gave an address on the riches of the body, mind and soul. It was decided to hold the annual festival on the 30th inst.



Taxes Run to Waste

How the Naval Authorities Fail to Cultivate Sound Economy.

Whether it is necessary still further to increase the Navy or not, one thing is certain—that much of the money spent on it might, as far as the taxpayer is concerned, just as well be pitched into the sea.

Three feet pumps were ordered for the docks at a cost of £495. So much delay took place in delivering them, owing to the frequent alteration of design, that when they were finished they were not wanted, as the old ones had been repaired and made fit for service. Ultimately the pumps were appropriated to Gibraltar at an estimated cost of £180.

Brazen Losses.

For some years the ashes from the brass foundry and rolling mills of a certain establishment were issued to another department for making roads. Some were then sold to contractors, first at 1s, and afterwards at 2s. 4d. a ton. On the police reporting that large quantities of scrap and splashes of metal were being sold to marine store-dealers, the authorities suspected that they were giving something away. They consequently had a sample sold by auction. It fetched 26 a ton!

Enormous sums are lost, again, through the inefficient supervision of stocks. A few years ago four stewards at one of the naval depots were found to have received £666 from contractors for ready-made clothing. And, owing to this system, faulty goods which ought to be condemned are frequently passed as perfect.

The result is a scandalous waste of public funds. Out of six million rounds of ammunition, for instance, about five proved to be useless, and bang—metaphorically—went £20,525.

Through the same cause—inefficient supervision of stocks—goods which are no longer required, instead of being sold at once, are kept till their market value is greatly depreciated. A special investigation of naval stocks a few years back showed an estimated loss of no less than £29,050 simply through keeping.

Leakages from the Store.

There is, too, a remarkable amount of "leakage" from stock. Vast quantities of public property disappear utterly. From one store vanished £223 worth of clothing; from a dockyard went a large quantity of timber; from another were missing 1,551 coal bags. And what became of all this property? Beyond doubt it was stolen.

To the uninitiated, this may seem impossible, because no vehicle is allowed to enter or leave a dockyard without a written pass, which is issued specially for the purpose, and which has to be handed to the police. But property is brought past these guardians in all manner of ways.

One night a number of men belonging to a certain dockyard were discussing "leakages," when the quietest member of the lot said he could easily bring a small anvil through the gate of that establishment. A bet of £5 was then made that he could not do so without detection. The result was that a few days later a policeman found an anvil against the dockyard wall, not far from the gate, which had evidently been brought outside, and then abandoned. In fact, the bet had been won.

Pensic Punishment.

How had the article been smuggled from the dockyard? The man who made the bet suspended the anvil from his neck with a rope, so that it dangled between his legs, and then some confederates got round him. When the party reached the gate, they "rushed" the policeman, and so brought out the anvil safely. The thing was then thrown down near the dockyard wall, as the police might have noticed it had it been carried through the streets.

In general, however, the property stolen from dockyards is brought out by men when they leave work. An old-dodge of experts is to wear boots of the half-Wellington type, covering the legs, of course, with their trousers. Inside the legs flies and other tools, as well as more valuable articles, can be easily secreted.

A trusted workman, owing to being betrayed by a comrade, was once caught bringing out a small paint-brush, value about 2d., in this way. As a result, he was prosecuted, lost his situation, and—greatest punishment of all—forfeited his superannuation, which was nearly due.

So, in one way or another, a good deal of the huge sum that John Bull spends on his Navy, is absolutely wasted.—Answers.

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Advance Showing of New Gowns.

We beg to announce for this week our display of latest Evening Gowns, and Bridge and Afternoon Frocks. These are copies of French Model Gowns, in lovely shades and designs; no two alike. We give below a description of one Gown, but they must be seen for their elegance to be fully appreciated.

This model is of rich, heavy Ivory Crepe-de-Chine. Waist has folded Chiffon vest caught with tiny cut crystals; sleeves are of Chiffon draped entirely with exquisite lace, waist is veiled with lace, has wide crushed girdle and is finished at corsage with a cluster of shaded Mauve roses and a long rope of pearl and crystal beads. The skirt is in straight clinging lines, and has a double peplum of lace, held in place at back by drape and flat bow of Crepe-de-Chine. This Gown is a very beautiful one in its perfect lines and drapings.



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