

A Budget of News From the Old Land

The rateable value of London is now £255,500,000.

After mauling several pullets on a North Bedfordshire farm, a fox killed the sheep-dog.

Mrs. Blackham, of Forest-road, Moosely, has celebrated her 100th birthday. She was born near Chendle. Sir Edward Nicholl, M.P. for Penryn and Falmouth, has given £20,000 to the South Wales and Strays' Home.

Her dress composed of 50z. sugar bags, a woman went to a fancy dress ball at the World's Fair, Islington, as "Reduced Sugar Ration."

Four shaving brushes, infected with anthrax germs have been found at Newport (Mon.) among a consignment of foreign manufacture.

The South Wales memorial to Lord Rhonda is to take the form of an oil portrait by Sir J. Solomon, A.R.A., and the foundation of a mining scholarship.

Mr. J. R. Llewellyn, the Welsh coal-owner, has given £5,000 to the Aberdare County School, to endow two leaving scholarships in memory of his late father.

Returning from an ordination service, the Rev. W. J. McCullin, Presbyterian minister, was killed in a collision between his motor-car and a road-roller near Belfast.

Miss Baden-Powell has presented Miss Olive Simmonds, of the 1st Clacton (St. James) Girl Guides, with a medal for saving a wounded soldier from drowning at Clacton.

Home Office returns show that 1,083 fatal accidents occurred in the mines and quarries of the United Kingdom last year, compared with 1,201 in the preceding year.

Mr. Duncan Bruce, a well-known angler and landowner, while fishing from the rocks at Murchalls, on the east coast of Scotland, was swept into the sea by a huge wave and drowned.

A fund to purchase War Saving Certificates for each child orphaned during the war has been opened in the village of Bradfield, near Reading. The children will be given the certificates in ten years time.

Threatened with boycott, the Friary Brewery Company, Guildford, Surrey, who proposed to limit their voluntary pension scheme to non-trade union employees, have now decided that all their workers shall be eligible.

The War Office reports that since the Armistice 3,893,149 officers and men have been demobilised or discharged from the Army. Of these, 867 officers and 7,213 other ranks were released during the week ended January 28.

Canon W. E. Pryke, Chancellor of Exeter Cathedral, has died, aged 76. At a bell-ringer's funeral at Thames Ditton, a peal of handbells was rung over the grave.

About £258,000 has been realised by the sale of Lord Harrington's Gaws-worth and Bosley estates, Cheshire. Mr. Frank S. A. Hatchard, of Pontefract, one of the best known men in the West Riding of Yorkshire, has died.

Mainly through increased wages and bonuses to civil workers, there is a prospect of Liverpool rates being double those of 1914.

A scheme to extend the Alfred Dock Birkenhead, by building a new lock costing £680,000, has been approved by the Mersey Dock Board.

To help them in starting a steam trawler company, Commodore of the Great War at Ramegate are asking the Admiralty for a vessel as a naval war trophy.

Fountainville Presbyterian Church, Lisburn-road, Belfast, has been completely destroyed by a fire which originated in the heating apparatus boiler-house.

Ten ships were turned out on the Clyde during January, with an aggregate tonnage of 39,910 tons. This figure is within 90 tons of the record output for January in 1912.

Four of the late Mr. Fairfax Murray's drawings by Turner were sold at Christie's, London, for £3,696, one "The Vale of Ashburnham," realizing £1,800, against £441 in 1908.

After being on strike a week for "wet time" allowance (compensation for wages lost through bad weather), 300 bricklayers and laborers at Neath, Glam., resumed work on the old terms. A woman bell-ringer, Miss Stephens, of Chertsey, Surrey, has rung her first peal of "grandiose triples" (5,040 changes) in 3 hr. 15 min.—a feat that very few women campanologists have equalled.

The death is announced in Edinburgh of the Hon. James W. Moncrieff, third son of the first Baron Moncrieff, of Tillibole. He was one of the leading lawyers in the Lothians and was 75 years of age.

During the past year there has been an increase in the number of depositors in the Leicester Savings Bank of 4,470, and the bank now has deposits of over £2,000,000, belonging to the workers of the town.

Mr. William Mackinder, the Socialist, who exposed the enormous profits made by spinners, has been elected a member of Bradford City Council by a majority of 1,221 votes over Mr. George Smith, Conservative.

A chain of oil tanks will soon run round the coast of England. Several of these tanks are already established at the mouth of the Mersey, at Mid-dleborough, and other large ports, but these are only solitary links in the proposed chain.

Scholarships at the Royal Academy of Music, Marylebone-road, N.W., have been awarded to Desire MacEwan, London, for composition; Morgan Lloyd, Wales; Israel Schlaen, London; and Paul Beard, Birmingham, for violin playing.

Arrangements for the sale of the National Shipyard at Chepstow to Lord Glanely's syndicate are, it is understood, completed. The purchase price is about £600,000. With this sale it is hoped that the loss on the National Shipyards will be reduced to about £5,500,000.

A gipsy woman, reputed to be 104, lives with other nomads near Portliff, Glam.

A Wigan man, who has been an inmate of one of the Lancashire county asylums since 1880, has just died.

A child has been born in a caravan in Newport (Mon.) Castle, which was erected in 1126 by Robert Earl of Gloucester.

The baby son of David Burns, of Kilsyth, Glasgow, has died of injuries caused by inhaling steam from the spout of a kettle.

Teak from the Vindictive, which was sunk at Ostend, is being used in the manufacture of the casket in which Mr. Lloyd George will receive the freedom of Dover.

A German field gun has been declined by the Farnham Rural District Council, the feeling in one parish being that "the gun might have caused the death of some of our men."

Marie Lantier, who has died, aged 80 years, had for almost 50 years been the continuous service of the late Rev. Robert Bagin, Scarborough, and later of his family.

Mr. Henry Barlow, a magistrate and county councillor, has died at Kettering, at the age of 62. In 1912 Mr. Barlow was president of the Master Bakers' and Confectioners' Association.

A Hull boy threw in the fire a souvenir pencil-holder made from a loaded cartridge-case. An explosion occurred and blew off one of the boy's fingers and a thumb. His mother's head was injured.

Known as "Wimbledon's Own," the 190th Brigade, R. F. A. was given a great welcome home. A German gun, captured by them, was handed over to the corporation, and placed in South Park Gardens.

From May 1, 1913, to January 29 of this year, the Handley Page commercial aeroplane carried 4,061 passengers and 44,905 lb. of freight between Paris and Brussels. In that period 74,743 miles were flown.

The boys of Mill Hill School have presented Mr. John L. Cope, the leader of the British Imperial Antarctic Expedition, with a Samoyede dog to be called "Sir John" after Sir John McClure, the headmaster. The dog will serve as a sled dog.

In a raffle at Caterham, Surrey, for a £22 watch, 2d. tickets were sold, each stamped with a different time. The watch was won up, and the holder of the ticket marked with the time at which it stopped won the watch.

The death has occurred at Ford, Devonport, of the Rev. Albert Thomas Head, for over 40 years an active public man in Plymouth and district. On his retirement a year ago he was the doyen of Baptist ministers holding pastorates in the west. He was in his 72nd year.

Mr. Percy French, the entertainer, who died at Liverpool recently, belonged to a well-known Irish family. He rendered his humorous Irish songs all over the British Isles and in America, being accompanied on many of his tours by Dr. Houston Collison, the clergyman-musician.

A cradle prize in a competition at Gosport, Portsmouth, was won by a colonel.

Only 27.9 per cent. of the electors voted at the last borough council elections in London, compared with 4. per cent. in 1912.

The Rev. William Owen, the Welsh

poet and antiquary, vicar of Llanelltyr, near Dolgelly, Merioneth, is retiring.

Knocked down by a motor-car in Adelaide-street, W. C. Police-Sgt. Tyler, Hampstead division, died in hospital.

In response to a pulpit appeal, 150 bars of soap were contributed by a Guilford Nonconformist congregational hospital.

Carnegie Hero Fund trustees have sent £1,000 to a fund for dependents of the 31 men who were killed in the Levant Tin Mine, Cornwall, on October 20.

Miners at the Pemberton and Orrell Collieries Wigan, have raised £10,000 for the widows and children of fallen soldier comrades.

Sir Edward Elgar, the composer, has been elected an honorary corresponding Academician of the Academy of the Royal Institute of Music at Florence.

Sir Harry Foley Vernon, whose death is announced at the age of 87, was at M. P. for Worcester as long ago as 1868. He was created a baronet in 1885.

The Rev. Dr. W. A. H. Collinson, of St. John's Church, Great Maryborough-street, London, W., and a drawing-room entertainer, collapsed in the street at Hawarden, Flintshire, and died almost immediately.

Lord Haddo, son of the Earl of Aberdeen, and a member of the London County Council, has lodged a petition against the proposal to sanction Sunday games in the parks.

About £4,000 has been offered to Cambridge University by the widow of Professor J. Couch Adams, the astronomer, to establish the John Couch Adams astronomical observatory.

In Mr. W. Office quadrangle the King's Challenge Shield for cadet rifle-shooting was presented to the Royal Marine Cadet Corps, Deal, who have won the trophy 5 times in six years.

Since its foundation in 1882, the British Dominions Emigration Society (formerly called the East End Emigration Fund) has assisted 27,343 people to emigrate to places in the Empire.

Captain Reginald Cox, the son of the Right Hon. Michael Cox, the Dublin physician, shot himself dead in the Union Hotel, Belfast. He had been seriously disabled in France.

As a tribute to the war service of the East Surrey Regiment, the Trinity Chapel at All Saints' Church, Kingston, is to be converted into a memorial chapel at an estimated cost of £3,000.

While playing in a game of football between the Tower Hamlets and Epping Town, George Bristow, 25, of St. George's-in-the-East, London, was kicked in the chest, and died from tubercular meningitis.

At an Aldershot inquest on the body of a woman named White, who was found dead in bed, it was stated that she was an enormous eater. Her heart weighed 4 oz. above the normal and her liver 24oz. more than it should have weighed.

During a recent accident at West Elliot Colliery, New Tredegar, a miner named Geoffrey Fletcher displayed great bravery in rescuing a companion. Mr. T. Richards, M.P., Mr. C. Edwards, M.P., and Mr. Albert Thomas (miners' agent, New Tredegar) have presented the Chief Inspector of Mines with a request, signed by officials and workmen who took part in the rescue work, that Fletcher should be granted the King Edward Medal.

Trial is inexpensive.—To those who suffer from dyspepsia, indigestion, rheumatism or any ailment arising from derangement of the digestive system, a trial of Parmelee's vegetable Pills is recommended, should the sufferer be unacquainted with them. The trial will be inexpensive and the result will be another customer for this excellent medicine. So effective is their action that many can certainly testify to their use where other pills have proved ineffective.

OTTOMAN EMPIRE REDUCED TO DUST

Turk Frontiers to Hold
Only 6,000,000 People.

Navy Wiped Out, Sultan's
Sway Small.

London cable says: The once powerful Ottoman Empire was finally reduced to dust by the Allied Supreme Council to-day through its decision to sequester Turkey's future frontiers that they will contain a population of only 6,000,000 as compared with Turkey's pre-war population of 30,000,000.

Territorially, the Turkish sway, formerly extending from the Danube to the Red Sea, is now limited to a small corner of Anatolia. At the same time the Sultan, titular successor to Mehmet the Prophet, will exercise his Caliphate from a circumscribed area in and around Constantinople, under the perpetual menace of British, French and Italian naval guns.

This, the Supreme Council announced to-day, will be Turkey's punishment for her war against the Allies and the Armenian massacre.

Following a long discussion with Admiral Earl Beatty, who was called in to attend the morning session, the Council also determined to wipe out the Turkish navy. The warships that are left to Ottomans will be either scrapped or apportioned among the Allies. Only a few revenue cutters will be allowed to fly the Crescent.

Turkey's monetary indemnity has not yet been fixed. A commission was appointed, however, to investigate the Ottoman finances, and its report will be made the basis of financial reparation.

A woman always has time for reflection when she sees a mirror.

HUNGARY MAY BE A MONARCHY

Allies Will Not Protest Such
a Course

Provided No Hapsburg Is
On Throne.

London Cable.—The question was raised in the House of Commons to-day whether the Government's attention had been drawn to the murder of Bela Somogyi, editor of the newspaper Nepszava, at Budapest, and whether Great Britain would protest against such a regime as has continued since the assassination of the Hungarian Soviet Government.

Sir Hamar Greenwood, Under-Secretary of Home Affairs, replied that the British commissioner at Budapest had constantly urged on the Hungarian Government the necessity of governing and punishing the guilty parties in this and similar cases.

Great Britain, however, would hardly feel justified, he added, in protesting against the Hungarian people's right to choose any such regime as they prefer, provided there was no restoration of the Hapsburg dynasty and no hostilities were undertaken against neighboring states.

Alexander Voevod, Premier of Roumania, in an interview printed in the Pall Mall Magazine, to-day regarding the appointment of Admiral Horthy as Regent of Hungary is quoted as follows:

"The new Hungarian Regent will try in every possible way to effect a restoration of the dynasty with Charles as King. Under Horthy's direction the Allied Supreme Council will at a ripe moment, be flouted and a kingdom established."

"The Hungarians believe the Allies are too weary to take serious action. There has been a secret mobilization in Hungary of all men between the ages of 18 and 28. Arms have been obtained in Austria and efforts made to obtain munitions in Warsaw."

Internal parasites in the shape of worms in the stomach and bowels of children sap their vitality and retard physical development. They keep the child in a constant state of unrest and if not attended to, retard life. The child can be spared much suffering and the mother much anxiety by the best worm remedy that can be got, Miller's Worm Powders, which are sure death to worms in any shape.

"SIR JOHN MOORE"

On October 19th, six geese came into my place, I went out and called to these six geese, and the old gander answered. He knew me. I got twelve ears of corn, and threw one of them at him. Just as I did so the four baby geese jumped in the air, but he caught them and they dropped down. Then I threw more ears of corn, and each time the thing would happen; he would sound that low note, and every time he did so the geese would come down. By the time I had thrown the eighth ear, he was convinced that all was well, and they did not fly up any more. It was interesting to watch him trying to educate them to take the kernel off the ear, but it was always to the same end. He would get a kernel off and drop it down, but it was fully fifteen minutes before he got the geese to take the kernel off the ear. When they did start to take the kernel off the ear, they would come right back to the door until every one of his family had been liberated; he stood right there and fought for them. We caught him the second time, put a cuff on each leg and named him "Sir John Moore" and we put on the tag this verse of scripture: "No good thing will I withhold from them that walk uprightly."

They migrated as usual, and on March 17th following, the boys said, "Look, Dad," with the two cuffs on his legs, looking for more corn. Five of his family had returned; he had taken care of them down in the southern states all winter, and brought them back. The last week in April they disappeared and my heart sank when I opened a letter from Port George, James Bay, and found four of the tags. The letter read: "The Indian says that seven geese came into their decoys, and they killed four of them. Each one had a tag on it." You know just how I would feel, although that is part of the game. To the fellow who wants to shoot, let him say this: I am not opposed to a man shooting a bird or two, but will you not join with us in limiting your bag? Remember, the bird that falls out of the air from our deadly aim gives you and me a little pleasure, but deprives thousands of people of pleasure and recreation in seeing it alive. Let us consider that; let us think it over.—Jack Miner, Kingsville, Ont., in National Conference on Game and Wild Life Conservation (Commission of Conservation, Ottawa.)

Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator will drive worms from the system without injury to the child, because its action, while fully effective, is mild.

ACUTE AGONY.
(Birmingham Age-Herald.)
"I thought the prima donna seemed upset about something."

She had a quarrel with her accompanist, just before the concert began and he revenged himself on her in monstrous fashion.

"What did he do?"
"Just when she was reaching her highest note he struck the wrong key."



"I am a student and would like if you could take me on as a bricklayer."

"Bricklayer? No! We might start you as an architect with a chance of working yourself up."—Korsaren, Christiania.

Warts are unsightly blemishes, and corns are painful growths. Holway's Corn Cure will remove them.

IMMIGRANTS TOTAL 57,702

Who Came to Canada During
Last Fiscal Year.

Stiffer Selection for the
Future.

Ottawa Despatch.—A total of 57,702 immigrants to Canada during the last fiscal year is reported in the annual report of the Department of Immigration and Colonization, tabled in the House of Commons to-day. Of these 40,715 came from the United States, 9,914 from the United Kingdom and 7,073 from other European countries. This compares with immigration in the preceding year of 71,314 from the United States, 3,178 from the United Kingdom, and 4,853 from Continental countries. The decrease in the immigration from the United States is therefore 43 per cent. over that of the preceding year.

The closing of a number of immigration halls and the retirement of 100 employees whose usefulness was past is reported.

The immigration of unaccompanied British children is expected to be resumed this year, after being suspended since 1916. Since then 29,634 applications have been received, chiefly through children's homes, for permission to enter Canada.

The congestion of shipping consequent on the return of dependents of Canadian soldiers from Europe is expected to obtain for another year; 28,465 dependents have been returned since July, 1917, and it is estimated that between 30,000 and 35,000 remain to be repatriated.

The report states that there has been no relaxation in regulations governing the admission and rejection of passengers into Canada along the international boundary, and closer attention will be paid in the future to the selection of intending settlers in Canada.

The expenditure for the Dr. Ruthersford commission on races and betting, so far has been \$7,200.00, according to a statement on unforeseen expenses tabled in the Commons last night.

Internally and Externally it is Good.—The crowning property of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is that it can be used internally for many complaints as well as externally. For sore throat, croup, whooping-cough, pains in the chest, colic and many kindred ailments it has curative qualities that are unsurpassed. A little of it does little and there is no loss in always having it at hand.

NEW TO GOLIATH.

Willie (just home from school)—"I say, mother, why was Goliath surprised when David hit him in the head with a stone?"

Mother—"I'm sure I don't know." Willie (triumphantly)—"Because such a thing had never entered his head before."

SLIPPERS GIVE HORRID DREAMS

Are to Be Probed by Psy-
chical Researchers.

Are Eastern, and Obviously
Very Old.

London Cable.—A pair of "haunted" slippers, which give the wearer harrowing dreams, will be investigated by the British Psychical Research Society at an early date.

Mrs. Clara Swinton, a London woman bought the slippers, which are crimson and have curled-up toes, at a Caledonia market. They are obviously very old.

"The first night I wore them," she says, "I had a horrible dream. I imagined I had committed murder at a bazaar in some Eastern city. I fled in wild panic, and the terror finally awakened me."

"On the second occasion the scene was set in England. It appeared that my father had warned me I would be slain. Overpowered by dread fear, I awoke."

"I have visited the East, but I did not recognize the setting in my first dream."

Investigators, who are not usually subject to dreams, experienced similar results upon wearing the slippers. Leading psychics here are convinced they are confronted with an unprecedented case of Eastern mysticism. Some suggest the original owner may have committed a crime which is still haunting the slippers.

Asthma No Longer Dreaded.—The dread of renewed attacks from asthma has no hold upon those who have learned to rely upon Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy. So safe do they feel that complete reliance is placed on this true specific with all certainty that it will always do all that its makers claim. If you have not yet learned how safe you are with this preparation at hand get it to-day and known for yourself.

ENVER PASHA IS SEEKING PEACE

Young Turk Leader is Now
in Berlin

And After Terms With the
Allies.

London Cable.—The London Times' Berlin correspondent has received confirmation from a wholly independent source of the presence in Berlin of Enver Pasha, the former Turkish War Minister and leader of the Young Turks. He is credited with a desire to enter into relations with the Entente representatives. There is no indication, however, of a reciprocal desire on the Entente's side.

"It would be surprising," says the correspondent, "if the Entente showed a disposition to respond to Enver's advances, seeing that he is a figure in the extradition list presented to Germany. Possibly partly for this reason Enver Pasha is anxious to leave Germany. He no longer enjoys the popularity which caused him to be styled the 'Turkish Napoleon.'"

"That Enver still is intriguing admits of no doubt."

HIS PASSION.
(Yonkers Statesman.)

Mrs. Flatbush—I understand her husband has a passion for music. Mrs. Bensonhurst—Yes, he has. Time she sings he flies into

PROSPERITY.

"Is he prosperous?"
"I guess so. Instead of the family doctor he now consults a specialist."



Eliza.—Chica go. Plain Dealer.



HANDICAPPED BY THE LAW.

Doctor (to patient): "You should try to take a little more interest in your business."
Patient: "I'd like to; but the law won't let me. I'm a money-lender."—London Opinion.