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## TO BE IRISH IS THE ENGLISH FAD

### But to Be English Has Not Yet Become an Irish Fad.

### SAINT PATRICK IS HONORED

He Will Be Put in the Prayer Book Along With St. Andrew—Irish Regiments Will Also Be Allowed to Wear Kilts.

(Copyright, 1900, by Associated Press.) LONDON, April 28.—Though the queen has returned to England and her remarkable visit to Ireland is now a matter of history, the latest fad shows no signs of abatement. Royalty's presence in Erin failed to make Irishmen annoyingly English; but, curiously enough, made Englishmen annoyingly Irish.

On this phase, which began by the universal wearing of the shamrock, there have been several striking examples this week. The lower house of the York convocation, composed of se date clergy and laymen of the church of England's northern diocese, has adopted resolutions to put St. Patrick upon the pages of the prayer book, from which he was unaccountably missing. St. Andrew is there, but Erin's patron saint was omitted when the reformers re-edited the liturgy.

On a par with this action is the agitation in England over Irishmen's right to wear kilts. Upon this momentous question Hon. William Gibson, son of Baron Ashbourne, lord chancellor of Ireland, has been lecturing to large audiences in London, dressed in the picturesque, abbreviated garb generally associated with Scotchmen. He makes an impassioned plea for the divine right of Irishmen to wear kilts. Mr. Gibson is a learned young man who married a Frenchwoman and consistently resides in England.

Now there is talk of making the new Irish Guards brigade masquerade in kilts, though the reports which have come from South Africa, telling of the suffering of the bare-legged Highlanders, and of the sorrows which are attached to this out of date uniform, are recent enough to banish the suggestion into the long list of foolish absurdities. It is probable that the war office will take that view.

In consonance with the queen's personal wishes, as many as possible of the new Guards' regiment will be mustered for the usual birthday trooping of colors and review ceremonies in London on May 23. This canonizing and kitting would be merely humorous if the imperial onlooker could forget the misery, poverty and stagnation of industries that prevail throughout southern and western Ireland; but in view of the conditions that exist in that portion of the British Isles, the so-called shamrock craze in England can scarcely be considered anything but another instance on the part of the majority of England's people of their complete failure to grasp the nature of Ireland's needs, however well meant and generous may be these outward, skin-deep signs of friendship.

The effects of Sir George Milner's proclamation requesting ladies to stay in England instead of going out to the

Cape, are beginning to be apparent in society. Lady Henry Bentinck and many others returning to London. Lady Randolph Churchill was not expected to return with the hospital ship Maine.

Among those who had planned to go to the Cape and have cancelled their passages on account of the proclamation of the high commissioner, are Lady Erroll and several other ladies of title. Sir Alfred Milner has not increased his social popularity by his frank utterances. Most society women preferred the bother and expense of cancelling their arrangements rather than to face the criticisms attached to a trip so much derided by the high commissioner, but they like the author of their troubles more and more now that it is stated that Lord Roberts, who approved Sir Alfred Milner's proclamation, cabled to his wife and daughter advising them not to go to the Cape, too late, however, to effect his purpose.

According to the stories reaching London, Lord Roberts' great kindness and sympathy have been finding many outlets. During the wait at Bloemfontein he visited every man in the hospital, carrying with him many comforts. Going up to one of the wounded, he asked, cheerily: "Can I do anything for you?" receiving the reply: "Yes, I'd like you to keep my name out of the casualty list." This man's name did not appear, and his anxiety that his relatives should not be alarmed was appeased.

Another, a dying officer, Lord Roberts comforted by promising to watch over the future of his only child. With such incidents current, it is scarcely surprising that the nation adores its little general, and as a whole abstains from criticisms of anything he may do. If General Buller had waited inactive as long as Lord Roberts has at Bloemfontein, the storm of public criticism and impatience would well nigh have forced his recall.

Dr. Parker, London's well-known preacher, repeated this week Rev. Charles Sheldon's Topeka Capital experiment. The paper put in his hands was Pearson's Illustrated Weekly News. The Kansas pastor seems rather to have taken the wind out of Dr. Parker's sails, and the latter's effort is attracting comparatively little comment or attention. Dr. Parker recently celebrated the seventieth anniversary of his birth, upon which occasion he was the recipient of many gifts.

The appearance of the new half penny morning newspaper in London, though much headed, caused little or no stir after the first issue was sold. The entrance of such an energetic man as Cyril Pearson into the field of daily journalism was naturally looked forward to with general interest, but the Express proved so similar to the Daily Mail that expectations were somewhat disappointed. One noticeable difference is that the Express prints news on the first page, an American plan in vogue with no other London morning paper, all of them devoting the first page to advertisements. So inured, however, is London becoming to American methods that a paper which had not a ghost of a show of succeeding five years ago, may now become a successful and popular medium.

The week has been disastrous for new theatrical productions. Edward Vroom's "Marsac of Gascony," at the Drury Lane Theater, has been mercilessly scored by the critics, who also object to Mr. Vroom's American accent. In spite of this, the play has been drawing fair houses all week.

The press has also been unanimous in condemning an "American Beauty," which was produced at the Shaftsbury theater Wednesday, and of which so much was expected.

The crusade against a certain class of plays continues. Mr. Samuel Smith, member of Parliament for Flintshire, has given notice of his intention to offer a resolution in the house of commons, May 15, calling attention to the depraving character of some of the plays performed in London theaters. In the meanwhile, "Zuzu" flourishes at the Garrick theater. Mr. Charles Frohman has renounced his tenancy of the theaters so that the run of the play may be continued. He is also organizing a company for Australia.

### TO DISFRANCHISE NEGROES

Virginia to Call Constitutional Amendment Convention to That End.

NEW YORK, April 28.—A special to the Times from Richmond, Va., says: "The question of calling a constitutional convention in Virginia, primarily for the disfranchisement of the negroes, has been practically settled so far as the democrats are concerned.

"A majority of the delegates to the democratic state convention which will meet at Norfolk on May 2, are instructed in favor of making the call for the convention a party issue. This matter is now the absorbing one in Virginia and the demand for the disfranchisement of the negroes and other constitutional reforms has entirely overshadowed the original purpose for which the Norfolk meeting was called.

"The constitution under which the people now live was adopted in 1859 by what was known as the Underwood convention. That body was composed of northern settlers and negroes. The white people of Virginia, very many of whom were then disfranchised, had little or no part in formulating the organic law under which they have lived since. There is an overwhelming sentiment in the state in favor of eliminating the colored vote from its politics forever. This can only be accomplished by constitutional revision.

"The elimination of the black vote is demanded not only from the great black belts of Virginia, but also by the white counties. Some of the largest and most influential of the latter elected delegates instructed to favor a convention.

"The keynote of this radical suffrage reform has been sounded by the declarations of some of the great negro counties. These, in effect, insist that the present political conditions cannot continue in the Old Dominion. The plain explanation of these explanations is that the people are tired of the means which they have been forced to countenance in order to retain white supremacy in the state. They now demand that a constitutional convention shall be assembled and the negroes removed from politics.

"The elements opposing this movement are the great corporations, the local office holders and the republicans. Some of the democrats, including Governor Tyler, have taken the position that their party cannot carry the convention at the polls on May 28. They insist that the elements named, with the addition of the illiterate whites will defeat it."

### DEMOCRATIC STRIFE BREWING

Probably Two Sets of Delegates Will Be Sent to Kansas City.

NEW YORK, April 28.—The state committee of the Chicago platform democracy held a meeting here last night and ratified the action of its convention committee in changing the time and place of holding its state convention from May 21, in Albany, to May 19, in this city.

In an address which the state committee has issued under the caption "Of Interest to Democrats of New York State," the committee says that it is the intention of the coming convention to select delegates to the national convention because the regular organization is controlled by men who do not represent the party, who did not support Bryan in 1896, and who are in reality antagonistic to democratic principles. Of these state leaders the committee says: "These new men do not come out in the open and say: 'We are for Bryan and the Chicago platform,' with the addition of planks against trusts and

imperialism; but resort to all sorts of subterfuge and equivocations. "They do not say: 'We will send an instructed delegation, so there will be no question raised.' No, on the contrary, they say: 'It is the custom to send an instructed delegation from this state' and Tammany representatives in congress and others prominent in this political circle come out in advocacy for Dewey and any kind of a platform except the reaffirmation of the platform of 1896. We think you will agree with us that these men cannot be trusted.

"There would not be a particle of doubt of securing a Bryan delegation from New York, if his opponents would meet us in a fair and manly way. They refuse to put up delegates openly pledged to anything, but it can only be for the purpose of deceiving the voters into voting for delegates supposed to be for the Chicago platform and Bryan, but who would turn out in the convention to be against him.

### THE WACO FLOODS

Situation Practically Unchanged, and Still Greater Damage Anticipated Along the Brazos River.

WACO, April 28.—The flood situation remains practically unchanged from last night. Conditions could hardly be worse. Every available wagon, dray and boat was brought into use and the entire night was spent in moving hundreds of families out of the submerged districts.

The reports of persons missing and who were last seen in the overflowed section are numerous. A call for aid, sent by the mayor and many prominent citizens, has been sent out. The local weather bureau gives the rain fall for the past 24 hours as 4.05, the heaviest on record.

The government bureau posted the following bulletin today: "The excessive rains throughout the Brazos drainage basin will probably cause a decided rise in the Brazos river, overflowing much low land from McLennan county to the Gulf, during the next ten days. Please warn residents along the river."

Much anxiety is felt now over the Brazos' overflow and runners have been sent to notify farmers in the lowlands.

### WORLD'S RECORD SHATTERED

Broad Jumper Urinstein's Remarkable Performance at the Franklin Field Track.

PHILADELPHIA, April 28.—One of the world's records was shattered and the world's figure for another record were equalled today on the Franklin field, during the sixth annual relay races under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania.

The new world's record was made by M. Urinstein, the marvelous jumper of the Syracuse University, who jumped 24 feet 7 1/2 inches in a broad jump. The former record was held by A. C. Kraenzlein, of Pennsylvania, at 24 feet 4 1/2 inches.

The 100 yard dash figures of 9 3/4 seconds were equalled by A. J. Duffy, of the Georgetown University, who holds the American championship.

### CHAMPION GOLF PLAYERS

That Honor Won by a Portland Man and Woman Yesterday.

PORTLAND, April 28.—P. B. Gifford and Mrs. W. B. Ayre, both of Portland, are the champion golf players of the Pacific Northwest.

### LOGGING CAMPS SHUT DOWN

SEATTLE, April 28.—At a meeting held in this city today, the Puget Sound Timbermen's Association resolved upon a six weeks' shut down of all logging camps in the state within its jurisdiction.

### IOWA SUCCESSFULLY DOCKED

SEATTLE, April 28.—The battleship Iowa was successfully docked at the Puget sound naval station this afternoon.

### RAILROAD MAN'S PROMOTION

Chief Clerk Breta, of the N. P. Freight Office, Will Go to the Seattle & International Railroad.

PORTLAND, April 28.—R. T. Breta, chief Clerk of the Northern Pacific freight office of this city, has been appointed general freight and passenger agent of the Seattle and International railroad.

### FELL FROM THE TOP YARD

United States Seaman Killed at Boston Yesterday.

BOSTON, April 28.—Albert Hurley, aged 25, a seaman on the United States training ship Lancaster, fell from the top yard to the deck today and was killed. Hurley's mother is Mrs. Johanna King, of Everett, Washington.

### PORTER OUT OF DANGER

NEW YORK, April 28.—George F. Botta, brother-in-law of John Addison Porter, gave out the following statement last night: "John Addison Porter has been operated upon and the operation was entirely successful. We do not care to give the name of the hospital or the names of the doctors. But you can say that Mr. Porter is out of danger."

### MR. BRYAN AN ELK

LINCOLN, Neb., April 28.—A lodge of Elks was instituted here this evening and among the new members was William J. Bryan.

### GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS

Custom House, Astoria, Oregon; Collector's Office, April 26, 1900. Supplies for Revenue Vessels.—Sealed proposals for supplying ship chandlery rations, and coal to vessels of the United States Revenue Cutter Service, regularly stationed, or temporarily, at Astoria, Oregon, and delivered on board said vessels at that place during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, will be received at this office until 2 o'clock p. m. of Saturday, May 12, 1900, at which time and place they will be publicly opened.

The coal furnished to be anthracite or bituminous of best quality; uniform in character; to weigh 2,240 pounds to the ton; to be delivered on board the vessels at such times and in such quantities as may be required, at localities readily accessible to said vessels, and to be subject to inspection as to quality and weight. Bidders will name the prices both for steaming and stove coal, and also their facilities for furnishing the vessels with fresh water, and their charges therefor. Blank forms of proposals, with schedules showing articles of ship chandlery and component parts of rations, may be had upon application at this office. Proposals must be submitted in these forms. Separate bids will also be received the same time and place for lubricating and illuminating oils. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, and no contract will be put in force until Congress shall have made an appropriation for the purpose. JOHN FOX, Collector.

### NOTICE TO STREET CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that until 2 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, April 28th, 1900, the committee on streets and public ways of the common council of the City of Astoria will receive sealed bids for the improvement of Seventh street from north line of Bond street to south line of Astor street, according to the provisions of ordinance No. 2512, approved on the 20th day of April, 1900, and the plans and specifications thereon on file with the auditor and police judge of said city. Bids must state the amount for which street crossings will be constructed separate from the remainder of the improvement. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

### PROPOSALS FOR LIGHTING STREETS

Notice is hereby given, that until 3 o'clock p. m. on Monday, the 7th day of May, 1900, the committee on streets and public ways of the common council of the City of Astoria, will receive sealed proposals for lighting the streets of said city for one or more years, which said proposals will be reported to the said council for consideration on said 7th day of May, 1900. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and bids must be accompanied by a certified check, payable to the order of said committee, for one-fifth of the amount of the bid for lighting the streets for one year as a forfeit to the city of Astoria in case the bid should fail to enter into contract with the city in compliance with the same. C. C. UTZINGER, W. J. COOK, Committee on Streets and Public Ways of the Common Council of the City of Astoria.

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