

IRISH NATIONALISTS UNITE FOR ELECTION

Ireland Faces Battle of Ballots That Is to Occur Next Month—Emigration From Emerald Isle on Increase as Figures Show.

By Thomas Emmett.
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Dublin, Dec. 11.—Ireland is ready for the battle of the ballots. She knows how much depends on the general election which is to be held next month, and it is doubtful if since the days of Parnell's power any general election has seen the Irish Nationalists so thoroughly united and in such first class fighting trim as they will be in the one now being fought out. Even the Sinn Feiners, or at least a great many of the rank and file of this ultra patriotic organization have come to the conclusion that in this crisis Irish aspirations all bickerings must be laid aside, so that the veto power of the house of lords, which the unionists stand in the way of home rule, may be broken.

The Dublin Freeman's report of the recent general meeting of Sinn Fein at Athlone says: "Among the large pile of correspondence read was a letter informing the branch that the year began with a deficit balance of 200 pounds, and that 1000 pounds was required to carry out the work given the council by congress," and "the secretary regretted that out of 115 branches only 61 branches paid the affiliation fee."

At the same meeting the chairman, M. J. Lennon, announced his resignation, saying: "We, as Irishmen, should not be bickering. If the Irish party think they are right, and the majority of the country think they are right, we should not be bickering. As Sinn Feiners we should fight the common enemy, and not our own countrymen."

"I know parliamentarians in this town, and they are better Nationalists than I am. It is a matter for the country whether the Irish party should withdraw from the house of commons."

"There is no use in saying the parliamentary movement did not do good." This is most gratifying to the parliamentary leaders.

Great Test for Ireland.
Joseph Devlin, M. P., in speaking of the election says: "Ireland is about to be put to a severe test. We are to have the money bags of the landlords and the law lords, and all the might and influence of the Tories and the aristocrats of England and of Ireland arrayed against John Redmond and the Irish party, who have only the loyalty and generosity of a nation of poor men to depend upon. The fight is bound to entail large expenditure by the Irish party, and it is the duty of the country to see that it is forthcoming without delay."

Sir Herbert Tree tells the following story: "I was playing Richard in Dublin, and the next day I was invited to lunch with a famous judge, who was a great Shakespearean scholar. The talk turned on the play of the previous night, 'Richard II,' and a lady exclaimed: 'Oh, Mr. Tree, why did you appear in such a disheveled state and look so woebegone when you arrived on the coast of Wales?'"

"Ah," said my host, with a remarkable display of tact, "you see, Richard had just come back from governing Ireland."

"This ally was received with much amusement by the assembled guests, the

only one who seemed not to appreciate it being a high official from the chief secretary's lodge."

Emigration Increases.
Official returns show that 2799 emigrants left Ireland during October, an increase of 403 over the same month a year ago. Of this number 2209 went to the United States. The departures for the 10 months of this year are much in excess of the total emigration last year, 25,846, as against 23,295. Only in one month this year did the figures fall below those of last year—in February, when a decrease of 50 was recorded.

The counties of Leitrim and Sligo have united in taking steps to erect a suitable memorial to the late Patrick A. McHugh, M. P. Though he was a man of strong Nationalist views, Mr. McHugh was highly respected by those who differed from him in politics.

The county council at Nenagh, County Tipperary, yesterday granted an application by James O'Brien, solicitor, for leave to enter the old rael premises for the purpose of exhuming the remains of William and Daniel McCormick, who were hanged in 1858 for the murder of John Ellis, a steward. Mr. O'Brien said it was well known that these men were innocent of the crime, and their relatives wished to have them reinterred in Loughmore churchyard. He would apply to the lord lieutenant or home secretary for sanction to exhume the remains.

Harvest Happiness.
The Farmers' Gazette of Dublin says: "When viewing the Irish harvest of 1909 as a whole the farmer has good reason to rejoice. With barns well filled for the winter he can look forward with hope and confidence that well directed effort, assisted by favorable weather, may enable him to do even better work in future years."

The death in the Francis convent, Dúnshambo, of Mrs. O'Hagan, known in religion as Sister Mary Frances, a daughter of Lord O'Hagan, who was the first Catholic since the revolution to be entrusted with the great seal of Ireland, and the widow of Justice O'Hagan, who, although a namesake, was not related to her before marriage, will render it of interest to record that one of the daughters of the late Lord Russell of Killowen, who was the first Catholic lord chief justice of England, is a nun, and a daughter of the late Lord Justice Mathew also embraced the religious life. Two of the daughters of the late Lord Morris and Killanin, the first Catholic chief justice of Ireland since the revolution, are Carmelite nuns, and two of the sisters of Lord O'Brien of Killinora, the present lord chief justice of Ireland are nuns.

PRINCESS VICTORIA LOUISE



Princess Victoria Louise, the only daughter of the kaiser, who up to a few days ago was considered a little girl. She wore her hair down her back and her dress came to her shoe tops. Then came the ceremony of her confirmation, after which her dress was lengthened and her hair put up.

small pieces is to bite them in your mouth and spit them into the tea, your own tea. The pemmican follows suit, and the concoction is just great. Then, if you have done a good job, there may be another quart for each man. You wouldn't change places with a millionaire as you stretch out on the bed platform and doze."

Borup tells of the bath he and MacMillan took in 82 north latitude, saying: "The Eskimos, who had never seen anything but an animal swim before, thought we had all gone crazy; and I guess every one else on board thought so, too. The water was so cold that we couldn't feel it; and when we climbed upon the ice and snow on the other side of our swimming pool we couldn't feel it—there was no feel in our feet."

VILLAGERS CLASH IN WILD BATTLE

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Lisbon, Dec. 11.—Rivalry between the inhabitants of the two Portuguese villages, Alqueidas and Pedrogam, has ended in a pitched battle, resulting in many casualties. The inhabitants of the rival villages met at a fair held at Adoreine, and a regular faction fight ensued, many being injured on both sides. The people of Pedrogam were defeated and driven out of the town in which the fair was held. In the hope of retrieving their defeat, the Pedrogam villagers lay in ambush in a forest which lined the road to the village of Alqueidas and awaited the return of their opponents. The latter fell into the trap prepared for them, and a battle ensued, in which knives, pistols, and cudgels were used. Troops were dispatched to the scene of the conflict and found on the battlefield that 27 persons had been killed and 27 wounded, 14 being seriously injured.

33 HUGE FREIGHT ENGINES FOR S. P.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Probably the most remarkable locomotive order in the history of railroads is being delivered to the Southern Pacific. It consists of 33 freight engines of the Mallet compound type. Twenty-one of these are of the same size as two which now are at work on the mountain division of the South-

ern Pacific. These engines weigh 200 tons and are in fact two locomotives in one. A peculiar fact is that some of the railroads between the eastern works and the western destination refused to haul them over their tracks, fearing both for the tracks and the bridges. Despite this fact the Southern Pacific ordered 20 locomotives of this kind and weight, knowing that they were not especially hard on track. Each of the monsters cost \$20,000.

DAUGHTER'S FIRST HUSBAND HER HEIR

Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 11.—Because she left her first husband and married another man, Mrs. Edith Norton was disinherited by her mother. Almost all of the estate, worth \$100,000, was left to the first husband.

The woman who cut off her daughter was Mrs. Sarah A. Tinley. About a year ago her daughter married George H. Clark of Beloit. Subsequently the pair separated, and the mother, taking the side of Clark, refused to have anything to do with her daughter.

There was a divorce, and the former Mrs. Clark married a man named Norton. When Mrs. Tinley was taken ill she sent for Clark and put him in charge of her affairs. Convinced that death was near, she summoned a lawyer and made a will cutting off her daughter with \$500. The remainder of the estate was bequeathed to Clark.

HORSE, ENRAGED BY BEATING, KILLS MAN

Canton, Pa., Dec. 11.—In revenge for a whipping, a horse belonging to Frank Churchill, of this place, kicked him to death. Two horses were unhitched and allowed to run loose. When Churchill went to capture them they ran away. After they were caught Churchill gave them a whipping as a warning for better conduct in the future. When he went behind one of them to hook the traces the animal rage kicked him in the chest over the heart. He was dead when his companions found him.

PERSIAN WOMEN WILL SOON BE RELEASED FROM VEIL AND BONDS

Domestic Life Still Deplorable, Says Missionary Now in Portland.

"The women of Persia are gradually awakening to the new order of things, as did their Turkish sisters," said Mrs. Charles A. Douglas, a returned missionary, "and it will not be long till with the aid of the new freedom the conversion of the whole nation will be a fact." Mrs. Douglas, who is visiting her brother, William Ballis, 366 Northrup street, returned last May from Tehran, Persia, where she has been as a missionary for seven years, on a 15 months' leave of absence.

In describing the Persian women, she said that they could be likened to nothing but a flock of crows, since they never appear in public except in groups of 15 or 20 and invariably wear the long black shroud and veil that compose their national costume. "This," says Mrs. Douglas, "will be one of the first things to be done away with under the new regime."

The domestic life of the Persian women is still deplorable. They are held as little better than slaves and a Persian household where there is more than one wife is a center of jealousy and hate.

Persian women say that those of the European nations live in heaven in comparison with themselves. Mrs. Douglas says that it is in this condition that the missionaries are laboring to save them. When the Presbyterian missionaries who are the only ones in that district, first went into northern Persia, 25 years ago they were persecuted and it has not been until late years that much good has been accomplished. Within the last half dozen years, however, the confidence of the Persians has been gained completely and now to a large extent the missions are supported by



Mrs. Charles A. Douglas.

TELLS OF HIS TRIP TO ARCTIC REGIONS

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 11.—George Borup, Yale 1897, who went to the Arctic regions on the last trip with Commander Peary, tells his Yale friends in the Alumni Weekly, the story of his experiences with the Eskimos, build-

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