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INTRODUCTION.

My name is Unwin—Gerald Unwin. "Gerald Unwin, B. A.," I am usually styled on the backs of envelopes; for, though I have laid aside clerical duties, for the present at least, I am still in orders. Now that I enjoy leisure and the absence of those petty worries which prey upon the subordinate cleric more than the lay mind can conceive, I set myself to write out the strange narrative of event and experience which, in the Providence of God, have worked such a change in my condition. I promised myself and my friends some months ago that I would do this, but until now I could not find time to myself. I have had too much to do, but agreeable in short, like the man in the parable, I have married a wife. Yet that is the very reason why my friends in town have pestered me, and now grow clamorous to know all about it. They have been good enough to remind me that, though it is proverbial, it is quite out of the common for an ordinary looking priest as myself to win a lady so beautiful and distinguished as (they are pleased to say) my wife is; and, further, that though it has been whispered fine looking clerical tutors have had the audacity to aspire to ladies of very high rank indeed, their aspirations have usually been overwhelmed with contempt; and, lastly, they are consumed with wonder that I should have lighted upon a creature so delicate and Frenchwoman in the style of Lancashire or all conceivable places. Perhaps, they add, with a touch of sarcasm which I can complacently endure, I was the only creature like a gentleman she had ever seen. But my story is all too terrible and serious to be introduced with periphrasis.

CHAPTER I.

About two years ago I accepted a curacy in the village of Timperley, within a few miles of a large Lancashire town. I had had much choice I would not have chosen a cure of souls among mill hands and miners. I would have preferred to perform my duties under a clear sky, rather than under a canopy of smoke; within call of fields and woods, rather than in a forest of tall chimneys and black heeds of coal pits. But since I was disappointed in my hope of a cure in a certain pleasant village of Sussex, I resolved to go to Timperley in Lancashire. So when one dark afternoon of February I alighted at the nearest station on a branch railway, and asked a fellow passenger, who looked like a native, and who was hurrying away, whether he could direct me to Timperley—when I was answered with a curt "No," I was not discouraged. I received a somewhat unintelligible direction from a station porter, and leaving orders concerning my luggage, I went out into the dark and the drizzle to walk to Timperley. I tramped for half a mile or so along a well paved road, and then (according to direction, I thought) I turned down a narrow lane between a hedge and a wooden fence. I trudged some distance through deep mud, now stumbling upon lumps on the firm edge of the cartway, and now plunging into holes, when the lane seemed to lose itself in a field. I hesitated a little and then resolved to return to the road. My eyes were now used to the dark, and I perceived a foot path across the field inclining back toward the road. I struck into this, thinking it would save me some distance. But I soon found to my vexation that "the shortest way across is the longest way round." I persevered over the sodden grass, and sometimes something else besides grass, and presently began to scent somewhat of the pleasant odors of rusticity, and my spirits rose a degree or two. I passed a low black wooden building, and guessed it was a cow house; I heard the animals pulling at their chains and munching their food. By-and-by I found myself again on a tolerably good road, came upon some houses of the suburban semi-detached villa description (at one of which I knocked and inquired my way), and soon, stumbling and splashing through exasperating mud and cinders, came out upon the edge of the valley in which Timperley lay.

I stood and gazed around me. Such a spectacle I had never seen before. I listened to and felt the feverish rush of the life of Lancashire industry. The hiss and buzz of thousands of spindles, the swift click and thud of shuttle and loom, and the regular sob and respiration of mighty engines mingled with the rush of water and the plaintive panting of some machine as of an enslaved genii of the Arabian Nights. I could not at first appertain the sounds to the various groups of buildings bested me. On my right was a many storied mill, whose bright windows were reflected in the glassy surface of a pond, on the banks of which there grew, pensile and forlorn, a few scrubby trees. On my left an aggregation of long low buildings with glass roofs, that looked with their shining backs like monstrous, crouching dragons of antediluvian days. Father up the valley was another group of buildings wrapped in a cloud of steam. Immediately before me was a ruined mill, unroofed and gaunt, with its bell tower and its tall, cold chimney outlined against the sky; behind it was another group of irregular buildings. A dozen tall chimneys poured their smoke into the sulphurous air, which was pervaded by a certain glow—insufficient to dissipate the darkness, but enough to make the stream which wound down the valley gleam like a black gigantic snake.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in a Condensed Form, which is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

Six persons were burned to death in a fire at Johnstown, Pa. The senate will vote on the oleomargarine bill in a few days.

The Northern Pacific blockade in North Dakota is being raised. The senate considered the Danish purchase scandal in secret session.

Sixty thousand Chinese are in rebellion in southern China provinces. The German emperor's American built yacht Meteor III has sailed for Southampton.

Acting President Schalkbarger will meet the Boer leaders soon and discuss peace terms. Republicans and Democrats each gained one alderman in the Chicago city election.

The transport Sheridan has sailed for San Francisco for Manila with 1,285 soldiers of the Twenty-ninth infantry. Flood situation in Mississippi is again becoming serious.

Twenty-two men were killed in an explosion in a Tennessee coal mine. A six story building in Philadelphia was entirely destroyed by fire. Loss, \$110,000.

Dr. Thomas Dunn English is alive, but his physicians say he may die at any moment. Since the outbreak of cholera at Manila there have been 90 cases and 70 deaths reported.

The house committee favorably reported the bill for 20 per cent Cuban tariff reduction. The plague situation in India is growing worse. Over 70,000 deaths are reported monthly.

The senate will take up the Nicaragua canal bill as soon as it has disposed of the Chinese exclusion measure. Floods in the South caused immense damage to property.

The loss in Tennessee by the recent flood is estimated at \$4,000,000. Roosevelt declares himself in favor of a more stringent Chinese exclusion law.

A general uprising is being planned in Macedonia to throw off the Turkish yoke. Fire partially destroyed a Cincinnati theater, but the audience escaped unharmed.

Pension Commissioner Evans has been given to understand that his resignation was desired. High wind at Pittsburg resulted in injuries to many persons in churches and a heavy property loss.

James R. Garfield, son of the late President Garfield, has accepted the position of civil service commissioner. The house has passed the army appropriation bill.

Germany will not oppose Russia's policy in the far East. The naval appropriation bill carries \$925,000 for the Puget Sound navy yard.

Cecil Rhodes left most of his fortune to the promotion of his educational scheme. Heavy rains in the South have caused the Mississippi to overflow its banks, flooding many miles of territory.

Resolutions to investigate an alleged bribery scandal in connection with the sale of the Danish islands were adopted by the house. Senator Mitchell has asked the committee to increase the appropriation for the Columbia river and its tributaries \$1,000,000.

The indications are for an early adjournment of congress. Cecil Rhodes, "the uncrowned king of South Africa," is dead.

Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, is on her way home. There may be some difficulty in the United States getting a coaling station in Cuba.

A passenger train struck a buggy in the suburbs of Pueblo, killing its three occupants. Another mounted force of 2,000 men is being raised in Canada for service in South Africa.

Two masked men held up an Emporia, Kan., hotel, but were unable to break into the safe. The president is receiving dozens of applications for the governorship of the Danish West Indies, should those islands be sold to the United States.

Joshua Wilbour, United States consul at Dublin, Ireland, died at Rutherford, N. J. The postoffice department has stopped the fraudulent scheme of a swindler who advertised a way to open cash registers without keys.

Mrs. Catherine Soffel, wife of the Pittsburg warden, has been indicted on three counts, charged with aiding the Biddies to escape from jail January 30.

A Big Hog. Down in Vladosta, Ga., recently, a hog was killed, whose gross weight was 1,260 pounds; his net weight was 955. Each ham weighed 102 pounds. This fat monster produced 501 pounds of lard, or nearly a third and a half—enough to last a small family about four years. Besides the lard, there was nearly a wagonload of sausage from this one pig, to say nothing about dishes full of hoghead cheese, liver pudding and other products.

Right in Their Line. "Those cold Boston girls naturally enjoy the Abbey 'Holy Grail' decorations in the public library." "Why?" "Because a frieze is right in their line."

SOUTH CHINA REBELLION.

Insurgents Now Number About 60,000 Men—Many Armed with Modern Rifles.

Victoria, B. C., April 3.—With regard to the disturbances in Kwang Si, the North China Daily News, copies of which were received by the steamer Empress of Japan today, says:

"The central government in Peking, according to a telegram received by the local mandarins, are in a most perturbed state, owing to the serious news simultaneously received lately from Canton and Kueilin, the capitals of the two Kwang provinces. The high authorities of the two provinces report that the disbanded soldiers of General Feng Tze Tsain, numbering nearly 4,000 men, have joined the insurgents of Kwang Si, which has rendered the situation in the south very precarious and the crisis a dangerous one. These men were all armed with modern firearms in 1900, which they refused to give up when disbanded. The insurgents now number some 60,000 men, and when enough supplies in food have been gathered in by them, we may expect to hear some serious news about them."

The Chinese appear to believe that a Mohammedan rebellion in Kansu, headed by ex-Prince Tuan, is really imminent, as various rumors of that nature have been telegraphed and have created an impression that insurgents are already in the field, but the fact seems to be that preparations alone are rumored to be on foot. Tung Fuh Shang would be the general in command of the rebels, and by all accounts no movement under his direction is likely to prove very formidable.

GAME WARDENS TO MEET. Officials of Eight States Likely to Hold a Conference Soon.

Helena, Mont., April 3.—There is an excellent prospect that the game wardens of eight Northwestern states will hold a meeting early in the summer, either in the National Park or at some other convenient place, and exchange views looking to co-operation in the work of protecting the game of the Northwest. The states that are expected to be represented at the meeting are Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming, North Dakota and Minnesota. South Dakota would be included, but there is no game warden in that state. An effort will also be made to have a representative present from the Northwest Territory.

Major John Pitcher, acting superintendent of the Yellowstone National Park, is heartily in favor of the meeting, and he has written to State Game Warden Scott of Montana, suggesting that the meeting be held in the National Park about June 15.

PERRY EXPLAINS TO LONG. Did Not Make Indiscreet Remarks in Chile Credited to Him.

Washington, April 3.—Secretary Long has received from Captain Perry, commanding the battleship Iowa, a reply to the department's inquiry regarding certain indiscreet remarks which were said to have been made by that officer at a Chilean banquet. Captain Perry declares that while in Chile he was not at any time present at any dinner or other meal where any toast or speech was made by him or others; nor did he at any time say anything, either in public or in private, that could be construed to mean that he favored either Argentina or Chile in the event of war. Captain Perry says he is also innocent of making the alleged indiscreet remarks of offering to sell the Iowa, which were currently reported in Chilean newspapers. Secretary Long has replied to Captain Perry, informing him that his explanation is perfectly satisfactory.

Fine Monument for Rhodes' Grave. New York, April 3.—Gardner Williams, manager of the De Beers mines, has left London for South Africa. He says he will arrive in time to attend the last stage of the funeral of Cecil Rhodes. The grave will be marked by a fine monument, to be erected by the dead statesman's personal friends and business colleagues. It is proposed that the gun carriage which bore "Long Cecil" during the siege of Kimberley, and which will convey the body up the steep side of Matoppos, shall be stationed on the summit of the hill as part of the memorial.

Wireless Telegraphy's Latest. New York, April 3.—Wireless communication was maintained on the ocean between the Umbria, which has just arrived here, and the Campania, outward bound, while the former's apparatus was down. While the operator aboard the Umbria was exchanging dispatches with the Campania, the chief officer informed him that the rigger attached to the mainmast had fallen overboard. The apparatus continued to work, nevertheless, for some time. Signor Marconi, who is in this city, was informed of the occurrence.

The Proposed Surrender. Heidelberg, Transvaal, April 2.—Commandant Alberts has called a meeting of the Boers in his district to take place 35 miles east of the Spring station, in order to discuss the proposal for a general surrender. It is said that General Hans Botha has summoned a similar meeting at Amsterdam. A party of constabulary and native scouts were ambushed near here. Six of the party were killed. The Boers eluded pursuit. Surrenders are occurring daily.

NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

Salem has taken the preliminary steps to installation of city light plant. The farmers' co-operative telephone line from Echo to Pendleton will be completed about May 1.

About half the telephones in Oregon City are out of business as the result of a live electric light wire dropping on them. The receipts of state land office for March were \$39,885.44, or the largest amount received by the present clerk for any one month.

A contract for 12,000 pounds of the 1902 hop crop is the top record in contracts at Salem. Quite a number are reported at 12 cents. Marion Cunningham, an Oregon pioneer of 1853, and one of the most prominent citizens of Harrisburg, has passed away, aged 69 years.

While no price has yet been fixed by either the fishermen or cannerymen it is generally understood that the price will open for the same as last year—5 cents per pound for the smaller fish and 6 cents per pound for all over 25 pounds.

The clam cannery at Skipanon has started up for the season and will be kept in operation until late in the fall, packing about 50 cases per day. Indications are that the claims on Clatsop beach are as plentiful as ever before, if not more so.

Rogue river valley orchardists have begun a united and determined campaign against the codling moth. Thousands of gallons of poison have been sprayed upon Southern Oregon trees with the hope of destroying the much dreaded disease, or at least preventing it from doing so much harm this year as it has in the past.

The supreme lodge of Oregon, A. O. U. W., will meet in Portland June 10 to 20. Oliver Grace, a pioneer of 1843, died at his home at Silverton last week. He was born in 1829.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has subscribed \$1,000 to the Lewis and Clark exposition. The prohibitionists of Portland and Multnomah county have nominated a city and county ticket.

About 70 teachers from all parts of Clackamas county attended the teachers' institute in Oregon City last week. The Tillamook County Bank, of Tillamook, has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. Capital, \$10,000.

Preparations are being made to increase the water supply of The Dalles. During the summer months the reservoirs reach a very low stage. The retail clerks of Baker City are trying to secure an agreement among the merchants to close their places of business on Sunday. Most of the merchants are willing to agree to such a proposition, provided it is generally observed.

PORTLAND MARKETS. Wheat—Walla Walla, 64c; bluestem, 65c; Valley, 64c@65c. Barley—Feed, \$20@21; brewing, \$21@21.50 per ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.15@1.22; gray, \$1.10@1.20. Flour—Best grades, \$2.80@3.40 per barrel; Graham, \$2.50@2.80. Millstuffs—Bran, \$18 per ton; middlings, \$20; shorts, \$20; chop, \$16.50. Hay—Timothy, \$12@13; clover, \$7.50@8; Oregon wild hay, \$5@6 per ton. Potatoes—Best Burbanks, \$1.10@1.25 per cwt.; ordinary, 70c@80c per cwt.; Early Rose, \$1.25@1.50 per cwt.; growers' prices; sweets, \$2.25@2.50 per cwt. Butter—Creamery, 22c@25c; dairy, 18c@20c; store, 13c@15c. Eggs—13c@14c for Oregon. Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13c@13c; Young America, 14c@15c; factory prices, 1c@1c less. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.50@4.50; hens, \$4.50@5.50 per dozen, 11c@11c per pound; springs, 11c@11c per pound; ducks, \$5@7 per dozen; turkeys, live, 12c@13c, dressed, 14c@16c per pound; geese, \$6@7 per dozen. Mutton—Gross, 4c per pound; dressed, 7c@7c per pound. Hogs—Gross, 5c; dressed, 6c@7c per pound. Veal—8c@8c for small; 7c@7c for large. Beef—Gross, cows, 3c@4c; steers, 4c@4c; dressed, 6c@7c per pound. Hops—12c@13c per pound. Wool—Valley, 13c@15c; Eastern Oregon, 8c@12c; mohair, 21c@21c per pound.

A health resort for invalid soldiers of the regular army is to be established at Fort Niobrara, in Nebraska. Overland limited trains are to be provided with telephone ser vice while standing in depots at Chicago, Omaha and San Francisco.

The owner of a Chicago tenement has been sued for \$25,000 damages by Mrs. John McGinnis, whose two children were killed by sewer gas and her own health impaired.

OREGON REPUBLICANS.

State Ticket Headed by W. J. Furnish, of Pendleton, for Governor.

Portland, April 3.—The Republican state ticket for Oregon carries these names: Governor—W. J. Furnish, Umatilla county. Supreme Judge—R. S. Bean, Lane county. Secretary of State—F. I. Dunbar, Clatsop county. State Treasurer—C. S. Moore, Klamath county. Attorney General—A. M. Crawford, Douglas county. State Printer—J. R. Whitney, Linn county.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—J. H. Ackerman, Multnomah county. The Republican platform declares for the following state and national issues: Retention of the Philippines. Arrangement of the trusts. Chinese exclusion. Protection where needed. Labor's right to organize. Salaries for state officers. Government aid and control of irrigation. Opening of the dikes of the Columbia river. No lease law for government lands. Federal conservation of fisheries. The Grouse oleomargarine bill. The initiative and referendum. Extension of the primary law over the state.

For Representative, Second District. Portland, April 2.—The Republican convention of the Second congressional district yesterday named for representative J. N. Williamson, of Crook county.

For Representative, First District. Roseburg, April 2.—The Republican congressional convention for the First district, held here yesterday, nominated Representative Thomas H. Tongue, of Washington county.

G. A. R. ON PENSIONS. Matters That Were Complained of in Its Report to the President.

Minneapolis, April 2.—Judge Ell Torrence, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, just back from a conference with the president on pension matters, says the report of the G. A. R. pension committee was submitted to the president over a week ago. At his request, however, it will not be made public for some time, as the president has under consideration the selection of a successor to Pension Commissioner Evans. Judge Torrence, discussing the report said:

"The committee found no fault with the pension laws as they now exist, but rather with the manner in which the laws have been construed and administered by the pension bureau and administrator for a change in the office of commissioner of pensions has been steadily growing for two years past, until now it is almost universal among the veterans. Conservative Grand Army men believe, and with good cause, that great injustice has been done to many deserving and worthy claimants. All the veteran soldier of the union desire is that the laws be justly and fairly administered, and all who are entitled to receive their benefits shall enjoy them without diminution or unreasonable delays, and that every unworthy claim shall be rejected and every fraudulent pensioner stricken from the rolls."

"The atmosphere of the pension bureau has been such as to create an impression that a great many frauds are attempted by the old soldiers, but it is worthy of note that according to the last report of the commissioner, out of 159 persons convicted of frauds against the bureau last year but 10 were soldiers of the Civil war, of whom 2 were deserters. Many convictions were for offenses against the old soldiers, and not by them. The records show that only one old soldier out of 73,000 has been convicted of fraud against the government. Certainly that is a wonderfully good showing."

Incidentally Judge Torrence denied that he was to be made pension commissioner, or that he was a candidate for that or any other office.

Author of "Ben Bolt" Dead. Newark, N. J., April 2.—Dr. Thomas Dunn English died yesterday. Dr. English, who was a writer of some note, was widely known as the author of "Ben Bolt." He was born in Philadelphia in 1819, and was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania as a doctor of medicine in 1839. Later he studied law and was admitted to the Philadelphia bar. He engaged in journalism in New York from 1844 to 1859, when he came to Newark to practice medicine. He served two terms in congress from New Jersey.

To Take Up Purchase of Friar Lands. Sioux Falls, S. D., April 3.—Right Rev. Thomas O'Gorman, Catholic bishop of South Dakota, has gone to Washington to hold a conference with President Roosevelt in reference to the proposed purchase by the United States of lands held by the friars in the Philippine islands. During the conference it will be decided whether Bishop O'Gorman shall proceed direct from Washington to Rome to assist in the negotiations with the pope.

Bill Laid Before Senate. Washington, April 2.—Lodge, chairman of the committee on Philippines, today reported to the senate the bill temporarily to provide for the administration of the affairs of the islands. He said in submitting the report he hoped to call up the measure for consideration at an early date. Basilio, of the committee, offered an amendment to the Philippine government bill, in the nature of a substitute for it. It represents the views of the minority.