

IN MERRY OLD ENGLAND

NEWS BY MAIL ABOUT JOHN BULL AND HIS PEOPLE.

Occurrences in the Land That Reigns Supreme in the Commercial World.

Several Basuto chiefs are visiting London.

Scarborough is to have another new music hall, which is expected to be open before August.

At Nunhead Cemetery the funeral took place recently of Mr. Peter Marsh, who rode in the charge of the Light Brigade.

The late Lord Glenesk left property valued at \$2,000,000. His residuary estate is given in trust for his daughter, Countess Bathurst.

At Leeds Thomas Mead, the laborer, was sentenced to death for the murder of Clara Howell at Leeds while under the influence of drink.

Lieut. Napier Burnett Lindsay, of the 1st Royal Irish Fusiliers, whilst hunting with the Aldershot drag hounds, was thrown from his horse and killed.

Mr. Alexander Protheroe, manager of a branch of the London City and Midland Bank at Aston, Birmingham, was recently found dead in a chair at his house.

The schooner Valhalla, in which Lord Crawford cruised 200,000 miles, has been sold to a shipbroker's firm in New York, and is to be used as a mercantile training ship.

The Prince of Wales visited the Great Northern Hospital, Holloway, the other day, inspecting the new ward for children, opened by the Princess of Wales on February 22.

Horace Larter, 19, who was sentenced to death for the murder of a young woman near Norwich, has been respited with a view to removal to Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

At a Hampstead inquest on an actor who committed suicide the deceased's landlord said that the only evidence of insanity he noticed was that the man paid him five years in advance.

A portion of the sleeve of Queen Anne's coronation robe is to be sold by Messrs. H. Mawer and Stephenson of Fulham. It is of cream silk, beautifully embroidered with a butterfly alighting on a spray of flowers.

Coxswain Bryant, of the tug which was towing the pinnacle of H.M.S. Encounter, when fifteen sailors were drowned on January 5 last, in Sydney Harbor, N.S.W., has been committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter.

Miss Gertrude Davey, daughter of Mr. George Davey, assistant to the Brentwood Justices, has died at Bishop's Stortford from burns sustained through her apron catch-

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Let us send you a copy of Mr. Strongman's letter. He had a trying experience, had got run down

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built him up, as it has thousands of others. The strengthening and flesh-producing properties of Scott's Emulsion, are unequalled by any other preparation, and it's just as good for the thin, delicate child as for the adult. Be sure to get Scott's. It's been the standard of the world for 35 years, and is worth many times the cost of the numerous imitations and substitutes.

ALL DRUGGISTS

Let us send you a full copy of Mr. Strongman's letter and some other literature on the subject. Just mention this paper.

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ing fire while she was putting coal on a kitchen range.

Professor Oskar Backlund, director of the Imperial Russian Observatory, St. Petersburg, was presented, at Burlington House, with the gold medal of the Royal Astronomical Society for his researches on Encke's comet, extending over many years.

Betting by young factory girls was strongly condemned by Col. Trimble, chairman of the Licensing Committee, at Walton le Dale Licensing Sessions. He said that betting coupons found their way into young people's houses and wrought incalculable harm.

1908 is said to have been the worst year ever experienced by the Yorkshire woolworkers. One member out of every six belonging to the workers' organization had received out-of-work or breakdown pay.

At a Burns dinner at Bangor the chairman exhibited a silver verge watch which, he said, had been in his family for a hundred years. It formerly belonged to Burns' and bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. Robert Burns, by his brother ploughmen of Ayr, March, 1785."

PEACE RIVER FARMING LAND.

No Longer a Hunting Ground, Says a Pioneer.

William Beecher, a pioneer of the north, arrived in Calgary, Alberta, the other day on the way to his home in Michigan. He is an old trader and hunter of the north, having lived a number of years in the Peace River country. He was once a resident near Fort Churchill in the Hudson Bay country.

In conversation, the old trapper had many a tale of his experiences in Peace River and up in the Hudson Bay country.

Mr. Beecher has left the north country for good, as he says his business is not as good as it was years ago, unless he went further north, but he considers himself too old to do that.

The last two years have not been very good, according to Mr. Beecher, around his district, because the Peace River is becoming more populated, and also due to the activity of timber wolves, which rob the traps of the small fur animals.

Further north the fur-skinned animals were very plentiful, and those able to go far enough got a good catch.

The Peace River country is no longer looked upon as a hunting ground, as this country is being settled up, and already small crops of wheat are being grown.

The impression that the part of the country is not productive is a great mistake, said Mr. Beecher. The soil is good and will grow anything.

The only thing needed is a railway up the country, and when the farmers settle the Peace River country it will produce as much grain as any other part of the north country.

On the way from the Landing to Edmonton he met two little parties numbering about twenty people, going up to the Peace River country. This is rather early for settlers to start for that country, but this goes to show how well that country is beginning to settle up. With the prospects of a railway up that part of the country within the next few years, Mr. Beecher thinks there will be a large rush this summer of settlers and immigrants, who will go in and settle down, and be on the ground floor by the time the railways come in.

THE ENGLISH COMPLEXION.

The Despair of the Smart Ladies in Paris.

Outdoor exercise and the "simple life" are for the moment the fad of the fashionable Parisienne.

A leading French actress when recently in London so greatly admired the complexions of the Englishwomen she saw that she and a number of her friends determined to cultivate, by means of walking and plain living, "English complexions."

The experiment is declared to have had wonderful effects, and now every fine morning one may see quite a number of ladies, both of the theatrical and social worlds, indulging in "footing" round the lakes in the Bois de Boulogne. Some of the more athletic have adopted a practical costume resembling that worn by lady mountaineers. Stout, square-toed boots are considered necessary for "footing," and veils are discarded.

Together with the morning walk, the morning cold "tub" is an English custom more and more widely practised. If it rains, seekers after a "British complexion" indulge in gymnastics at home. The devotees of the new fad dispense with the now more than ever fashionable corset during their morning exercise.

STOMACH INDIGESTION.

Peru-na Strikes at the Root of the Trouble.



MR. S. J. MASSEY.

Mr. S. J. Massey, formerly a resident of Toronto, and a well-known business man, writes from 247 Guy street, Montreal, Quebec.

"I wish to testify to the good results I have derived from the use of Peru-na.

"Having been troubled for several years with catarrh of the head, I decided to give Peru-na a fair trial and I can truly say I have received great benefit from its use. It evidently strikes at the very root of the trouble and good results are soon noticeable.

"I have also found Peru-na a very valuable remedy for stomach trouble and indigestion.

"I have no hesitancy whatever in recommending Peru-na as a reliable catarrh remedy."

There are several kinds of indigestion.

The trouble may be due to sluggishness of the liver, derangements of the bowels, enlargement of the pancreas, or it may be due to the stomach itself.

In nearly all cases of stomach indigestion catarrh of the stomach is the cause. The only permanent relief is to remove the catarrh.

Peru-na has become well-known the world over as a remedy in such cases.

SLEEPING SICKNESS.

Disease Has Spread Over Whole of Congo Territory.

A few years ago sleeping sickness was known only as a pathological curiosity, limited to certain parts of the west coast of Africa. Owing to the opening up of the country to civilization and trade, the disease has spread over the whole of the Congo territory, has depopulated some of the most fertile tracts of Uganda, and is spreading up the Nile to the north and threatening Rhodesia on the south.

Sleeping sickness is caused by a trypanosome, which infests the blood of those suffering from the disease. By injecting a small quantity of human blood containing the parasite into animals, they develop the disease, die from it, and show the same pathological changes of the brain that occur in sleeping sickness in man. Moreover, it is now known that the parasite of the disease is carried from the ill to the well by a blood-sucking fly.

CONSERVATIVE PROGRESS

Annual Report of the Excelsior Insurance Company.

The annual statement of the Excelsior Life Insurance Company, which is published in this paper, shows this young Canadian Company to be in an exceptionally strong position at the close of the year's business. The management of the Company is to be heartily congratulated on the progress made in the past year and the growth and splendid standing of the Company maintains its previous praiseworthy traditions.

It is a very noteworthy fact that the death rate in the past year was 44 per cent. less than expected, and 9 per cent. less than the previous year, which shows very careful selection of risks. Expenses have also decreased 6½ per cent., illustrating watchful management.

The increase of insurance in force amounting to 10 per cent., and the addition of 16 per cent to assets and 17 per cent to income undoubtedly show a most commendable activity coupled with a wise conservatism.

An attack of mumps doesn't cause one to be puffed up with pride.

FROM ERIN'S GREEN ISLE

NEWS BY MAIL FROM IRELAND'S SHORES.

Happenings in the Emerald Isle of Interest to Irishmen.

The Sinn Fein candidates sustained a crushing defeat in Wexford Urban elections.

The official returns indicate that Tipperary's share of the old age pensions will be nearly \$300,000.

The Edenderry evening schools are proving a great benefit to the young men and women of the town. The landlord and tenants on the Glenties portion of the Conyngham estate, have agreed to purchase terms.

Returns in connection with the old age pensions are still pouring into the Customs offices at Dublin at the rate of 1,000 a day.

Belturbet, Co. Cavan, is now lighted by electricity, and has a new commercial school.

Michael Connors, aged 17, while at work in a malting store at Old Quay, Co. Cork, fell into a large bin and was suffocated in the malt.

A blacksmith named John M. Kay has just died at Armory, County Antrim, at the age of 101. He worked at his trade until a few years ago.

Patrick McCart, of Bridge End, Strabane, a native of Ould Donegal, has attained his 110th birthday. Congratulations and many happy returns.

A cave, 200 feet long, and a room or cavern measuring 14 feet by 14 feet by six feet, was discovered by a member of the County Louth Archaeological Society in Dungooly district recently.

The lands of Four-Mile-House, on the Campbell property, near Roscommon, have been distributed amongst tenants of the Estates Commissioners' inspectors, the tenants receiving from 9 to 23 acres.

The Connaught Telegraph says:—"The unusual sight of a heifer with a wooden leg was seen at Castlebar a few days ago, when a farmer from Crossmolina district offered such an animal for sale, and secured for her a good price."

Hale and hearty and in full possession of all her faculties, is Mrs. Hannah McKenna, who lives at Ballygawley, County Tyrone, and who a few days ago celebrated her one hundredth birthday.

At Buncrana all previous catches in connection with Lough Swilly herring fishing were surpassed Jan. 21, when the total catch landed by steam drifters amounted to fifteen hundred crans, representing nearly \$10,000.

The cottage industries of Donegal are threatened by the latest improvements in machinery for embroidering. The Donegal peasants have for a century been celebrated for the excellence of their embroidery. Belfast firms are setting up the new machines, and to that extent discontinuing their Donegal hands."

CANNON MADE OF GLASS.

Weigh Forty Pounds and are Exact Models of Mafeking Guns.

One of the last things in the world, says a writer in the Strand Magazine, which one would expect the glass-worker to create would be a cannon; yet Messrs. Thomas Webb and Sons, of Stourbridge, England, recently built two cannon out of the finest cut glass. The guns weigh, with their limber, forty pounds each and measure twenty-four inches in length. They wheel easily and move on their trunnions like ordinary cannon. The axle-tree and bearings are of ornamental brass. The creations may claim to be of some historic interest in that they are exact models of the famous ordnance with which Major-General Baden-Powell successfully defended Mafeking. The old cannon was dug up in that place during the siege, and investigation has since shown that this old cannon was cast in Staffordshire, at an iron works within ten minutes' walk of the glass-makers' establishment. During the siege the gun was known as "The Lord Nelson" and "Skipping Sally," the officers using the former name and the men the latter.

He—"I notice you call a good many of your acquaintances cranks. I hope you do not consider me a crank?" She—"Certainly not! A crank is a person with one idea, and I never heard anybody accuse you of having one!"

Wise is the philosopher who is not led into the grievous error of taking his philosophy seriously.

THE REMINDERS OF RHEUMATISM

Cold, Wet Weather Starts the Pain But the Trouble is in the Blood.

Cold, damp weather brings on the twinges and pains of rheumatism, but is not the real cause of the complaint. The trouble is rooted in the blood and can only be cured by enriching the blood and driving the poisonous acid out of the system. This is a great medical truth, which every rheumatic sufferer should realize. Liniments and outward applications can't cure the trouble—they can't reach the blood. The sufferer is only wasting valuable time and good money in experimenting with this sort of treatment—and all the time the trouble is becoming more firmly rooted—harder to cure. There is just one sure way to cure rheumatism—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They act directly on the impure, weak blood. They purify and strengthen it, and so root out the cause of rheumatism.

Mrs. S. Bailey, Newcastle Creek, N.B., says:—"In the summer of 1906 I became lame in my ankles, but thinking I would soon get over the attack I did not seek medical aid, but used liniments to allay the pain and swelling. Instead of getting better the trouble increased and I then consulted a doctor who pronounced it articular rheumatism, and treated me for this trouble. Instead of getting better the pain and the swelling became worse until I was hardly able to hobble about the house. On rising in the morning I was unable to bear my weight, except with extreme pain. Having tried so much medicine without benefit I began to think I was doomed to be a cripple. One day a cousin advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. She said, 'I take them every spring as a tonic for my blood, and they make a new person of me.' After some persuasion I decided to try them. I had taken three or four boxes before I noticed any change, and then it seemed my ankles were less painful. By the time I had used a few more boxes there was a wonderful improvement in my condition. Not only did my ankles get well, but I felt like a different woman and had not been as well in years. In speaking of this to a doctor afterward he said that no doubt Dr. Williams' Pink Pills had enriched the blood thus driving out the painful disease."

Not only rheumatic sufferers, but all who have any trouble due to weak, watery blood or impure blood can find a cure through the fair use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

UNDERGROUND IN BERLIN.

Pale Girls and Boys, Pale Men and Women Burrow in Cellars.

Over 90,000 people live underground in Berlin, burrowing under the earth in the cellar tenements. Pale girls and boys issue out of these clean, chill holes; and paler men and women; and old people yet more pale, who have spent in this darkness all their lives, one may see borne out from them at last into other cellar tenements, eternal and more still. The children from the cellar tenements have a strange look of the blood not flowing in them, but a still life, like that in the ground. The new tenement house law in Berlin forbids them, but it cannot touch the old buildings. This is something any one must see.

DOES NOT NEED A DOCTOR

Mrs. F. Porier, Valleyfield, Que., says:—"I always use Baby's Own Tablets for my little one, and therefore never need a doctor. When my baby is feverish or restless I give her a Tablet and in a couple of hours she is all right. They have been of the greatest benefit to her when teething, and are just the thing in all emergencies." These Tablets promptly cure colic, indigestion, constipation, diarrhoea, destroy worms, break up colds, and make teething easy. Good for children of all ages. Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.