

IN MERRY OLD ENGLAND | EMPIRE DAY MOVEMENT

NEWS BY MAIL ABOUT JOHN BULL AND HIS PEOPLE.

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

It is proposed that Queen's road, Batte, should be renamed Queensway. The freedom of the city of Leeds has been conferred on Sir James Wilson.

Robert Bruce's sword, with the date 1322 on the hilt, has been purchased by a London dealer.

On the ground of expense, the Home Secretary has refused to give the police one day's rest out of each week.

The Hon. E. Lyttelton, headmaster of Eton, slipped while descending the cister steps and sprained his ankle.

Last year 236,128,936 tons of coal were produced in the United Kingdom, of which 67,169,616 tons were exported.

One thousand colliers visited Blackpool May 26 for a picnic, which is estimated cost £10,000.

Instead of lowering the price of tea in consequence of the reduction in duty, retailers have decided to improve the quality.

At a Norwich funeral, while the sexton waited at the graveside his young sons bore the coffin and his wife tolled the bell.

Several of the officers and men of the King's Indian bodyguard, who landed at Southampton recently, are over six feet in height.

During last year the Essex and Suffolk Fire Fund paid damages for the loss of 2,460 property, 4 lambs, 57 turkeys, and 87 duck.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer states that the total amount paid in license fees for all motor vehicles during 1909 was £51,976.

The well-known Black Duke Mills Band of Messrs. John Foster and Sons' works at Bradford, are to visit Canada and America in July.

Among those discharged from Chancery Court, who are emigrating to Canada, is an old man of seventy-five who goes with his family.

Householders in Hove are being canvassed by the Miller's Sunday Best Society to agree to one delivery of milk for the whole day's supply on Sunday.

A lady who last week visited the House of Commons and attracted a good deal of attention has been identified as the daughter of Field-Marshal Oyama.

Eighty years ago at Worcester,

near Manchester, by the Duke of Bridgewater, a Kennedy has just been cut down and converted into a monument to the Duke.

Another West Australian stamp, blue of the first issue, with the swan inverted, is to be sold in London by the auctioneers who recently obtained £4,000 for a specimen.

The death has just occurred of Mr. G. M. Randolph, C.M.G., one of the earliest settlers on the Burd, and principal guide to General Sir Redvers Buller during the war.

Measuring 5 feet 10 inches high by 4 feet 8 inches wide, and clasped with gold, an atlas of the world as known to Dutch geographers 1650 has just been discovered in the British Museum, after lying hidden for many years.

It was announced at the annual meeting of the trustees of Shakespeare's birthplace and Anne Hathaway's cottage that the number of paying visitors to Shakespeare's house last year exceeded 35,000. About 10,000 were from the United States.

Many boxes containing swords studded with jewels, Samson vases, and other Japanese works of art, the presents of Mr. Mikado to Prince Arthur of Connaught, have arrived at Liverpool with the members of the Garter Mission on board the Victorian.

CHILDHOOD AILMENTS.

Most of the troubles that afflict little ones may be traced to the stomach, kidneys, and if these are put right the child will get well and thrive well.

Baby's Own Tablets will cure all stomach and bowel ailments, and all the other minor troubles of babyhood and childhood. And the mother has the guarantee of a government affidavit that this medicine contains no poison, no opiate or harmful drug. Mrs. Margaret McKenzie, Cheltenham, Ont., says: "My little girl was troubled with constipation, constipation to such an extent that we did not think she would live. She cried almost constantly and was constantly away. I got a box of Baby's Own Tablets, and in three days found a great improvement. I continued giving her the Tablets for nearly a month, and every trace of the trouble has disappeared. And she has since been a bright, healthy child and has grown nicely." You can get the Tablets from my medicine dealer or by mail at 25 cents a box, by writing to Dr. William J. Williams, Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Marsdale (to Pali): "You are charged with stealing a loaf from a baker's cradle. What have you to say for yourself?" Put: "Nothing, sir; except that the doctor told me I must ate stale bread for my dyspepsia, so I had to steal it."

A Medicine Chest in Itself.—Only the well-to-do afford to possess a medicine chest. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, which is a medicine chest in itself, being a remedy for rheumatism, lumbago, sore throat, colds, coughs, catarrh, asthma and a potent healer for wounds, cuts, bruises, sprains, etc., etc., is within the reach of the poorest, owing to its cheapness. It should be in every house.

NATURE STUDY.

A young lady recently spent her holidays at a farm. One lonely evening, as the gloaming began to deepen, she heard, far off, the mournful note of a distressed cow. "Listen to that poor cow," said she. "Just hear her mewling for her calf!"

"It's a strange thing," said Willie Washington, "every time I try to sting my dog howls." "Yes," replied Miss May, "I have always thought that dogs looked almost with human beings in intelligence."

LORD MEATH'S CATECHISM FOR THE CHILDREN.

The Day Was Celebrated by 2,000,000 Children in Various Parts of Britain's Realms.

The promoters of the Empire Day movement, in England—and Lord Meath has been the life and soul of it from the first—have every reason to be satisfied with their efforts, for, according to their present information, Empire Day was celebrated by 3,000,000 children in various parts of the British realms. Lord Meath has issued an imperial catechism for the children of the Empire, which should be kept for future celebrations on Victoria or Empire Day. It is as follows:

FOR THE USE OF CITIZENS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

Query. What is your relation to the British Empire?

Answer. I am a subject of King Edward VII. and a citizen of the British Empire.

Q. What is the extent in square miles of the British Empire?

A. About twelve million square miles (12,000,000 square miles), of these only 12,000 square miles are in the United Kingdom.

Q. What proportion of the earth's surface does the British Empire cover?

A. About one-fifth, or 21 per cent.

Q. How does the extent of the British Empire compare with that of other countries?

A. The extent of the British Empire is greater than that of any other State.

The nations outside the British Empire possessing the largest extent of territory are: Russia, 8,000,000 square miles;

United States, 3,623,000 square miles; Brazil, 3,229,000 square miles.

Q. What is the number of the subjects of King Edward VII.?

A. About one-fifth, or about 22 per cent.

Q. How does the population of the British Empire compare with that of the most populated countries outside the Empire?

A. The population of the British Empire is about equal to that of China, and more numerous than that of any other country.

The most populated countries outside the Empire are:

People:

China with about 400,000,000

Russia with about 130,000,000

United States 84,000,000

Q. What are the numbers of the inhabitants of the principal cities in different parts of the Empire?

A. London 4,649,650

Calcutta 2,011,177

Glasgow 298,337

Manchester 557,038

Salford 298,059

Birmingham 776,006

Liverpool 223,430

Bolton 537,965

Midland 511,030

Melbourne 509,346

Dublin 496,079

Montreal 387,999

Johannesburg 267,730

Capetown 155,616

Toronto 77,666

Q. The inhabitants of the earth vary in face, and in the color of their skins.

The principal colors are white, yellow and black. Among how many of these races and colored peoples are the subjects of King Edward to be found?

A. Among all. Of these about fifty-four millions (54,000,000) are white, and 344 millions (344,000,000) colored.

Q. What are the numbers of the subjects of King Edward belonging to the close principal religions?

A. There are about 208 million.

Hindus 208,000,000

Moslems about 94 million

Christians about 58 million

Buddhists about 12 million

There are about 23 million

of other religions and pagans.

Q. What was the value of the trade of the British Empire in the year 1904?

A. Thirteen hundred and five million pounds (£1,305,283,000), of which 73.8 per cent. was with foreign countries, and 26.7 per cent. between different parts of the Empire.

Q. What is the amount of tonnage of steam and sailing vessels owned by the Empire?

A. The Empire owns 9,426,493 tons of steamships, and 2,729,608 tons of sailing vessels. Total, 12,156,101 tons.

Q. How is the British Empire governed?

A. Different portions are governed in different ways. Some portions, like the United Kingdom, the Canadian Dominion, the Australian Commonwealth, New Zealand, Cape Colony, Natal, and New South Wales, are partly self-governed, others are partly self-governed and partly governed by officials appointed by the British Government; and others, again, like India, are governed by officials appointed by the Home Government; but all acknowledge allegiance to the King-Emperor.

Q. Why should a citizen of the British Empire owe duties to the State?

A. Because citizens of the British Empire are born in the dominions of any other State in the world, and therefore owe a debt of gratitude to the Empire, which protects them in the enjoyment of these unrivaled privileges.

Q. What is the "Empire Day" movement?

A. An organized effort throughout the King-Emperor's dominions to impress on all British subjects the importance of cultivating the virtues which are loyalty, patriotism, courage, endurance, respect for law and obedience to authority, to encourage self-sacrifice in the public interest; and to instill into all, but especially into the rising generation, an uncompromising belief in the sacredness of the trust imposed on British subjects by the responsibilities of the Empire, and a determination, if possible, never to fail in the fulfillment of duty.

Q. By whom should the "Empire Day" movement be promoted?

A. By every British subject.

Q. What is the meaning of "Empire Day"?

A. May 24th is annually observed throughout the dominions of the King-Emperor as the outward sign of the "Empire Day" movement.

May 24th is the anniversary of the birthday of the late Queen Victoria.

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during whose long reign of sixty years the Empire grew to its present vast dimensions, as year by year her people increased in health, strength, numbers, wealth, and happiness.

Q. What is the name of the British national flag?

A. The "Union Jack."

Q. Why is it called the "Union Jack"? Because it is composed of the flags of the English, Scotch, and Irish nations.

Q. Should the "Union Jack" be flown on "Empire Day?" May 24?

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