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## THE IRISH AND THE BILL.

The Irish National Convention assembled in Dublin at the instance of Mr. John Redmond has unanimously declined to accept the Bill brought before the House of Commons by the Chief Secretary, Mr. Birrell.

This decision of the Irish National Convention is regarded alike by Unionists and Liberal journals as a blow against the Government. *The Daily News* considers that if bitterness arises between the Liberals and the Irish, the next general election will bring neither the abolition of the prerogatives of the House of Lords nor the triumph of Democracy. *The Morning Post* says, it is now a question as to where and how the country can find a substitute for a Government which has led the country round by the nose. *The Daily Telegraph* suspects that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman intends to get rid of his Imperialistic colleagues in the Cabinet and to appeal to the country on Home Rule.

The American delegates to the National Convention stated that the American Irish would support the home Irish in active hostility to England.

## THE IRISH LAND WAR.

The *Globe* learns from its Dublin correspondent that on April 30, a large grazing farm at Roscomrae, some twelve miles from Birr, the property of Mr. Nathaniel Luttrell, of Roscrea, was cleared of all its stock by a crowd of the type which has now become one of the established features of Irish rural life. The successful "cattle-drive" of April 30 apparently served to put the authorities on their guard, and since that date the neighbourhood of the farm has been regularly patrolled by parties of Royal Irish Constabulary, a number of extra constables having been brought on to the scene for protection duty; but, notwithstanding their vigilance, the constabulary were outwitted once again.

Last Saturday morning a crowd of about one hundred and fifty persons assembled, drove off the stock, consisting of horses, cattle, and sheep to the number of close upon four hundred, and was some distance on the way to Roscrea before the constabulary realised what had happened. The police followed the crowd, but found themselves too weak to take action. The stock was driven into and left in the streets of Roscrea by the mob, and on Saturday evening, under the escort of about one hundred constabulary, requisitioned from Nenagh, Birr, and Banagher, and sundry outlying quarters, it was driven without opposition back to the farm at Roscomrae.

In a letter to the local Press, Mr. Luttrell complains bitterly about the treatment he is receiving. He has always lived on good terms with his neighbours, and, wishing these relations to continue, some time ago he intimated his readiness to submit the whole question to the arbitration of two gentlemen, one to be nominated by the local branch of the United Irish League, and the other by himself. The only answer he has received up to the present has been "the drive" of Saturday. It is understood that prosecutions for both clearances will be instituted. These prosecutions are a farce, even where a Petty Sessions bench can be found to commit the defendants for trial. In the present state of the temper of the people in the disturbed districts, no jury will convict upon counts which disclose the harmful interference by the United Irish League in the affairs of peaceable and law-abiding folk.

## HOLIDAY MISHAP IN ENGLAND.

A serious accident, involving injuries to sixteen people, occurred on the High-road, Chiswick, shortly after one o'clock on Monday afternoon.

A char-a-banc was proceeding from King's Cross to Hurst Park Races, and whilst turning out of Turnham Green-terrace into High-road, Chiswick, it collided with an electric car from Kew Bridge to Shepherd's Bush. The driver of the tramcar, seeing the danger, applied one of his brakes, but was unable to avert the collision.

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The car dashed into the rear portion of the vehicle, on which were twenty-seven passengers, and tilted it over on its side. The eight occupants of the two box seats and the driver were thrown into the road, and altogether sixteen passengers, both men and women, complained of injuries.

They were treated by Dr. Butcher and other local medical men, and it was found that their injuries chiefly consisted of cuts about the face and contusions. After receiving treatment they were allowed to proceed to their homes. The most serious case was that of the driver, who was badly kicked in the back by one of the horses, but after being attended to by Dr. Butcher he was also sent home.

Later in the day it is stated that only one case was taken to hospital, and that is not regarded as being of a grave nature.

## LABOUR TROUBLES ON THE RAND.

*The Daily Mail* learns from Johannesburg that all the day labourers employed at all seven mines in the East Rand, Witwaters Rand and the West Rand have gone on strike.

## ENGLISH VISITORS IN FRANKFORT.

The English committee appointed to study municipal institutions, and consisting of 40 mayors and municipal officials, arrived in Frankfort from Flushing on Monday.

A banquet took place in the Kaisersaal of the "Römer" in the evening. The Oberbürgermeister, Dr. Adiekes, welcomed the guests, pointing out that they were engaged together in fighting social evils, and had the common object of bettering the lot of the less fortunate classes. He drank to T. M. King Edward and the Emperor William.

The President of the English committee, Lord Liveden, expressed his thanks for their kind reception in Frankfort. Sir John Gorst, formerly Minister of Education in England, laid stress on the fact that one of the aims of the present tour was the firmer establishment of international peace.

## A HURRICANE IN THE CAROLINES.

The news has reached Sidney that a hurricane and a tidal wave visited the Carolines on April 30th and did enormous damage; 200 natives are reported to have lost their lives.

## THE UNREST IN INDIA.

The London *Standard* publishes a telegram from Lucknow stating that a native regiment quartered there has been disbanded, since the unrest prevailing in the Punjab has extended to the district of Ambala.

## NEWS FROM AMERICA.

### AMERICA AND TARIFF REVISION.

President Roosevelt, who is being urged by certain out and out champions of Protection to recommend revision of the tariffs in his next message to Congress, will probably do so. It is stated

in well-informed circles that the present Administration will enter into no formal tariff negotiations with France until the commercial treaty with Germany comes into force on July 1st, and that the Government desires first to watch how that agreement works.

## FIRE ON A STEAMER.

The steamship "Naomi" on her way from Grand Haven to Milwaukee caught fire on Monday morning and was burnt to her water line. The 50 passengers were saved but 4 of the crew lost their lives.

## THE WAR AGAINST THE TRUSTS.

The Commission for Inter-State Commerce on Monday began the proceedings against 50 railway companies of the Central and Western States, accused of having granted preferential rates to the Standard Oil Company.

The New York Grand Jury has brought in a true Bill against President Hegeman of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for perjury and forgery while carrying on the business of the Company.

## ANOTHER REVOLUTION IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

The President of Nicaragua has telegraphed to the Nicaraguan Consul in New Orleans, that a revolution has broken out in San Salvador.

## NEWS FROM FRANCE.

### L'ENTENTE CORDIALE.

At a banquet given in Paris in the Hotel de Ville on Monday in honour of the representatives of English Universities, M. Pichon, Minister of the Exterior, made a speech in which he said that that day's festival confirmed by a new and visible tie the close understanding of England and Germany in the work of peace and civilisation. He drank to the King and Queen of England, the English royal family and the greatness of the English people. The English Ambassador expressed his thanks in the name of King Edward and drank to President Fallières and the prosperity of France.

### THE PETROFF AFFAIR.

By order of the examining magistrate three Russians by name Bereoff, Karpenko and Selseneff have been arrested in connection with the Petroff affair. Bereoff was later set at liberty again. An order for his arrest has also been issued against Slepner; his sweetheart, a modiste by name Beschemkovsky, was examined but was not detained in custody.

### FIRE IN BARCELONA.

The circus in which the bull fights take place in Barcelona has been burnt to the ground.

### THE VATICAN AND AMERICAN CATHOLICS.

It is stated in the Vatican that the report that American Catholics have decided to make an annual donation of a million dollars to the Holy See, lacks all foundation.

### NEWS FROM RUSSIA.

#### THE DUMA.

At Monday's sitting the Duma was occupied with the draft order of business drawn up by a Committee, whereby unprofitable debates will be as far as possible avoided; after a number of the clauses contained in the draft were passed, further discussion of the matter was adjourned until Thursday and the House adjourned.

### UNREST IN THE NEAR EAST.

The *Frankfurter Zeitung* learns from Constantinople that the English, in the interests of peace and order in Macedonia, demanded the deposition of the Greek Bishop of Drama.

The same journal announces that a band of brigands have kidnapped a Dutchman, by name von Hemsten, son-in-law of a rich Englishman by name Richard Wittel. The amount of the ransom demanded has not yet been ascertained.

### THE SITUATION IN MOROCCO.

The *Echo de Paris* publishes a rumour that the French Government, relying on the compensation promised in the last letter from the Maghzen and in view of the state of anarchy prevailing in Marrakesh, has considered the possibility of sending the French Consul in Mogador to Marrakesh with a suitable military escort.