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Irish Leader Declares Surrender Means Real British Democracy

Dr. P. J. Timinuis of South Boston, one of the foremost Irish leaders in New England, when made aware last evening of the despatches from London which described the surrender of Lord Lansdowne in the House of Lords, declared the news to be the sweetest with which the ears of an Irishman could be tickled.

"Now," he said, "comes the downfall of that privileged body. Now comes the clambering over that once most powerful legislative body in the world by the people, the masses; and how sweet, how welcome and what perfect revenge it is for Ireland, for not only have those men of hereditary privilege been driven back from the land of Ireland, but they have been followed into their own lair and there bearded, until today not alone do the Irish shout against them, but from all Britain, from Wales and Scotland, the cry arises against them.

"In my opinion their overthrow is certain. The news of Lord Lansdowne's surrender—let us pray that it be true—is significant of the finalities soon to come.

BRITISH DEMOCRACY

"From the days of Michael Davitt the Irish Nationalists have striven against the power of the Lords, have echoed their slogan of a real British Democracy from one end of the British Isles to the other, with this result.

"Gladstone stumbled on the House of Lords, stumbled and fell and rose again and then stumbled again in '93. Parnell rushed to the fray and brought up against the House of Lords, and in his day the upper House was looked upon as the insurmountable obstacle toward home rule, toward any real unprivileged government, and the idea of an overthrow of that body was laughed to scorn.

"And yet it is the original seed, sown in the days of Parnell and Michael Davitt and cultivated by Gladstone, among others, that has brought about the present situation.

GLADSTONE RUNG KNELL

"In 1899 Gladstone rung their knell in the ears of the peers when he fought for the disestablishment of the established church in Ireland. In this he was most bitterly opposed by the House of Lords, and during the struggle Gladstone awakened the first fear in the hearts of the privileged. He told them then that to continue the fight against his bill meant the disruption of the House of Lords and the establishment of a republic in Ireland.

"In '86 Gladstone sought the home rule of Ireland and brought the fight into real close waters for the Lords, following it with another in the 90s, but the Lords were too strong, and the time was not ripe for the people were not aroused in all England as they were in Ireland. Today the Irish people do not stand alone, and the crisis in the upper branch at the time of the Gladstone bill for the removal of the Church of England from Ireland will be repeat-

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"In this their own issue rebounded against them, for it was at once shown that Tory interests were drawing far more upon American money, socially as well as commercially, than were their opponents; and if I may let me refer to the recent marriage of our American heiress, Miss Vivian Gould, to Lord Devis, and contemplate for and instant other millions that have been carried from this country into England, and not for the purpose of reform.

"The sweetest news with which the ears of an Irishman could be tickled is this latest from London. How keenly must the Irish enjoy the sight of the British people—the Irish alone—but all the masses of Britain, at last taking on the original Irish seed and crying against the privileged robbers of the House of Lords. And what honest pleasure must result to those loyal hearts at home who have contributed their all to the cause.

"When we consider that the Lords own kind stand against them, that not to Ireland alone does this condition mean a benefit and that at last the one real objection to the ancient government of Britain is giving way, how must the whole world look upon the Irish heroes with that honor and respect so long deferred.

"The entire British people owe this to Ireland and to Irishmen and to those who have taken Ireland into their hearts.

"As for Ireland as a republic, it is like reaching for the moon to eat a piece of green cheese. The poetical dreamers dwell upon it with a relish, but it is so far away as to be actually absurd. It is so like a man starving because he cannot get a whole loaf, with a half loaf beside him.

"What the distant future may bring forth for Ireland no one can tell. It is not many years ago that the mere consideration of the overthrow of the House of Lords would have been termed the manning of some ferocious fanatic on liberty, and yet the time is at hand and their downfall, in my opinion, is certain.

"Let us not consider the Irish republic now but the completion of the end so near at hand."

Constitution of Upper House

London.—Lord Lansdowne announced his intention to introduce a Bill to amend the constitution of the House of Lords.

Unprecedented Cold in Russia

There is Not an Ice-Free Port on Baltic Coast

St. Petersburg.—The cold throughout Russia is unprecedented. Even in Yalta and Feodosia in the Crimea, which is Russia's Riviera, the roads are impassable from snow. The cold is such that the inhabitants are felling fruit trees for fuel. Cattle and sheep are perishing by thousands.

A flotilla of icebreakers can hardly keep open access to Sebastopol and Odessa, and vessels are arriving with their propellers broken by the ice. There is not an ice-free port on the Baltic coast.

Fashionable Wedding

London.—The Rajah Mudah or Crown Prince of Sarawak, Charles Viner Brooke, was married to the Hon. Sylvia Brett, daughter of Lord and Lady Esler in St. Peter's Church, Cranbourne, Windsor Forest.

The bridegroom is the son of the reigning Rajah who is a descendant of James Brooke, a young English Naval officer, and the hero of one of Charles Kingsley's novels, who received Sarawak as a present from the Sultan of Borneo whose life and crown he saved when Chinese pirates sought to overthrow him.

VERY ACTIVE AT 90

London.—The Rev. Canon W. B. Grenside, who has been vicar of Melling, Lancaster, for fifty-five years, has just completed his ninetieth birthday. In spite of his years he fully discharges all the duties of a parochial clergyman.

He possesses a wonderfully retentive memory, and readily recalls interesting dates and incidents from the time when he saw the Duke of Wellington and Sir Robert Peel going arm in arm to Westminster.

He is passionately fond of riding, and only a few weeks ago saddled for a meet of the Vale of Lune Hunt, and in the evening at a supper to parishioners contributed to the vocal entertainment.

He is not a teetotaler, his motto being, "Be temperate in all things."

Better System Wanted

We recently referred in our columns to the great inconvenience attending passengers on the train are put through the reckless manner in which tickets are sold, and to our knowledge no notice has been taken of it; hence we feel it our duty to again call the attention of the authorities that has the power in their hands to right this lack of consideration, or rather disregard for the comfort and convenience of persons patronizing the railway.

It is not our wish to interfere with the rules and regulations of this colossal company that we believe have every good intention and does its best to cater for the comfort and convenience of its

patrons. What we are particularly drawing the attention of the chief of this company to, is the present system under which the baggage room is run and the indiscreet way the sale of tickets is conducted.

According to the time table that is now in vogue, the local train is supposed to leave its terminus at 6 o'clock a.m., and the passengers train at 10 o'clock a.m., but it very often happens that these trains are kept back for some minutes beyond the official time without the permission of the chief or the one that has power to do so. The cause is simply this: The ticket seller is never at his post before a quarter of an hour before the departure of each train. The demand for transportation of passengers and their baggage has increased considerably of late, hence the waiting room and baggage room are daily besieged by anxious crowds to purchase tickets and have their baggage weighed and shipped. It is thus to be seen that it is impossible to, in so short a time, dispatch such crowds in time without seriously inconveniencing persons. The system is, when a passenger has baggage to carry along with him in the train he has to first purchase his ticket, then go to the baggage room, have his goods weighed, show his ticket to the clerk then a check is given to him for the goods shipped. In the presence of this crowd can persons procure their tickets and have their effects weighed in less than 15 minutes? We answer, no. Indeed it very often happens that parties taking train have had to leave behind their goods that should have been traveling with them.

We have personally noticed on many occasions the baggage room clerk allowed goods and baggage to be weighed and checked prepared for these goods and baggage before the owner of them presented his ticket, so as to facilitate the anxious people getting their belongings on the train with them. It has been brought to our notice that many passengers passing through here as well as residents in the republic have had left behind to be sent after their personal baggage that was almost indispensable, when if matters were run on different lines could have been avoided.

For the good of the company and comfort and convenience of its patrons we trust this matter will have its immediate remedy. We are having many tourists passing through here during this season, and as such we would like to hear nothing but praise and appreciation for our company.

Current News.

Can any church Warden answer this: A correspondent writes: "I hate to take up your time but living so near the church I am kept awake night after night by the question: Does Holy smoke come from a church cannon?"

Mr. T. P. McGuinness begs to notify his customers and the general public that he is now indisposed through illness and cannot now attend to orders; but trust shortly to resume office.

The public schools were reopened on Monday last and we noticed that all the former masters were in their place with the exception of the Wesleyan school. From that we gather it appears that as the mission has no direct representative now and as the former master of the school was charged by the government for misconduct and he ran from justice the Inspector of schools was reluctant to

support another master. Mr. Glasspole is now in charge of the school pending the arrival of Rev Pitt today.

We learn from a late American paper that Russia intends building a large battle fleet costing \$100,000,000, and is to be in the Black Sea.

The Hamburg-American Line steamer "Prinz Joachim" is expected early this morning from Jamaica. We learn that the Revd. E. A. Pitt is a passenger on her, also a goodly number of tourists.

The steamer "Olenwald" will be cleared by the Hamburg-American Line Company on Friday next for Colon and Colombian ports.

We notice a small poster pasted up on some conspicuous parts of the town calling upon British subjects to unite and celebrate the Coronation of King George V. in this republic. We commend the idea and trust that every British subject residing here will liberally support the idea. What is lacking on this poster is a committee to carry out this demonstration. Mr. Garvey, the organizer is to be congratulated on his patriotism, but we doubt whether such a concern could achieve any success without a well chosen committee, and the names of such committee should be printed on the prospectus.

The new Fire Brigade engine recently imported by the Government was on trial yesterday afternoon. The engine is a small and handsome one and is manufactured by Merry Weather, London, and capable of carrying 200 lbs steam. The trial was in front of the sea wall, near the Government office and in the presence of Governor Pardo, Dr. Céspedes and other gentlemen. Pressure to the extent of 100 lbs. was put on and it sent the water fully 50 feet high. On the whole it was freely expressed that the engine will fulfil its requirements but the pity is that it is not worked by gasoline instead of steam.

Germany's Population

Berlin.—The official census concluded in December last, shows the population of Germany to be 61,806,581. The figures for 1900 were 61,541,278, and the population of Prussia, the chief seat of the German Empire, is 49,157,573.

Bill Lang Beaten

London.—Bill Lang, who once held the heavyweight championship of Australia, was defeated by Sam Langford, the Nova Scotia colored pugilist, in a scheduled twenty round bout at Olympia to-night. Langford won in the sixth round when Lang was disqualified, but the contest could not have gone much longer as Lang was almost out when his committed the foul.

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Baroness Vaughan Suing for Divorce

Paris.—Baroness Vaughan, the marriage wife of the late King of Belgium, has commenced divorce proceedings against M. Emanc Durieux, a merchant to whom she was married at Arrouville on August 15th of last year. A formal attempt which was made by the Judge to reconcile the couple, failed.

Unhappy Marriages

London.—The Law Courts report gives an analysis of the divorces for the ten years from 1900 to 1910. It shows that, for every 20,000 persons, there were 83 divorces or separating orders.

The total number of cases held in the ten years was 9,284. In almost half the cases the marriage had lasted from ten to twenty years. More than 1-5 the divorced wives were minors when they were married.

Alleged Secret Agreement BETWEEN RUSSIA and JAPAN

Pekin.—It is believed by the Imperial Consul that a secret agreement between Russia and Japan to strip China of a large part of her territory, is responsible for the ultimatum sent by the Czars Government to Pekin. This agreement is believed to be part of the treaty entered into between Russia and Japan following the Russo-Japanese War. As a result of threats made against H. Korotvich, the Russian Minister to China, the Russian Embassy is under guard today and it is reported that the Moscow official is ready to leave the Empire at a moment's notice.

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