

IRISH IN CONTROL IN PARLIAMENT

Balance of Power Rests with Redmond Party.

HOME RULE AS A BAIT

Tory Organs Holding Out Lure to Their Allies.

Some London Papers Suggest that Reform Advocated by Gladstone Might Not Be Followed by Such Dreadful Results After All—Mixed Situation, with Irish Able to Dictate—National Assembly Possible.

London, Feb. 12.—The most surprising thing about the later developments of the elections is the importance of the position occupied by Ireland. Here is an enormous empire at the dictate of a small, unconquered fragment of its own population which in turn it has denounced, cajoled, coerced, and haggled, but on which it cannot apparently make any impression.

Neither Party's Friend. Both sides love "old Ireland" now, because Mr. Redmond happens to hold the balance of power, but there can be no doubt that each side would be extremely glad if it could get along without Irish help.

ROW ON OVER PILOT CHARTS

Marine Insurance Men Protest at Weather Bureau Making Them.

Hydrographers Deny Moore's Aids Furnish 90 Per Cent of the Information.

Trouble which has been brewing between the Weather Bureau and the Hydrographic Bureau since 1898 culminated yesterday when the House Appropriations Committee received a petition signed by all the marine insurance companies doing business in the city of New York protesting against the work of preparing the government's monthly pilot charts being done by the Weather Bureau.

The Weather Bureau has recently asked that Congress grant it exclusive authority to compile all pilot charts, their desire being based on the claim of Chief Moore that they are supplying the Hydrographic Office with 90 per cent of the information from which the pilot charts are made.

Both Commander Knapp and Chief Moore have been appearing before the House Appropriations Committee, trying to straighten out the question of who really does most of the work of preparing the charts. Chief Moore testifies that the government is now spending twice as much money as necessary to get out the charts, the Weather Bureau furnishing "meteorological" data, and the Hydrographic Office "pilot" data, both charts containing practically the same information.

The committee before whom the hearings are being held is holding the question under advisement. Jealousy between the two bureaus is said to have been appointed by the president to stand between him and the union of all true conservative forces against that anti-patriotic, anti-religious coalition which is now dragging Mr. Asquith by its heels.

"Irishman" does not believe it, and he calls on the Unionist party to seize their golden opportunity and "unite the empire."

"They would lose Belfast and Liverpool, but they should gain Ireland. And to this they must come sooner or later, if the Germans do not intervene."

GOVERNING COUNCIL ELECTED.

University Club Also Chooses Committee on Membership.

The University Club last night elected a governing council and a committee on membership for terms of three years each.

Those chosen for the council were Henry Blair, Senator Tinkins, William Phelps Eno, and Walter Wyman. Walter J. Douglas, Charles F. Langworthy, William E. Mason, and William Walker, compose the membership committee elected. The committee in charge of the club banquet to be held on February 23, met last night and discussed plans.

Find Long Hidden Treasure.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 12.—An iron teakettle, fastened with copper wires and containing \$36 in gold coin, was located today in the ruins of the old Seaboard warehouse. W. S. Simms, a contractor, made the find. The building was a war hospital.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Fair to-day and to-morrow; moderate west and northwest winds.

WOMAN SLAPS POLICEMAN.

Asks Judge First How Much Her Fine Would Be.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 12.—"Justice Crutchfield, what will it cost to slap an officer?" asked Mrs. Mattie Dyer, of this city, this morning as she walked into the private office of the police justice.

"Five dollars," said the justice, and the comely little woman turned immediately and put a smack on the cheek of Policeman F. L. Chatterton. "If I were only a man I would finish this," she said.

For some time Policeman Chatterton has been rounding up small boys, and the son of the woman was among a number.

AVIATORS IN FAVOR OF COLLEGE PARK

Urge Its Advantages for International Meet.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 12.—Baltimore and Washington aviation boomers proved tonight to their own satisfaction that College Park, Md., is the most suitable place to hold the international aviation meet of 1910.

This was decided at a dinner given at the Hotel Bennett in honor of Mr. Cortlandt Field Bishop, the president of the Aero Club of America. It was for his benefit that the advantages of the Maryland site were set forth so forcefully, for Mr. Bishop has been delegated by the national body to select the most suitable site for the proposed meet.

The dinner was given by the Aero Club. Every man present was an ardent advocate of the Baltimore-Washington campaign for College Park. The money question was settled by the announcement that the two cities had \$100,000 to guarantee the expense of the meet. This announcement was made by Col. Jerome H. Joyce, the president of the local organization. Addresses were made by Gov. E. Anton Crothers, Mr. Charles J. Bell, of Washington; Mayor J. Barry Mahood, Mr. Moore, William H. Hurst, H. B. F. Macfarland, Thomas H. Boles, Maj. G. O. Squires, Gen. Ferdinand C. Latrobe, and G. O. Totten.

Mr. Grison explained by this that the President and the governor were of one opinion in their desire that something should be done to counteract the unfortunate developments recently in the Republican party of the State.

Mr. Grison added that nothing was determined upon as to how this could best be accomplished.

While the conference was going on in the upper rooms of Mr. Grison's house the rooms were filled with Republicans.

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In reply, it is understood, the conferees who took Gov. Hughes' side contended the party in the State was in a bad way, and that the best way to meet the situation would be to come out openly and advocate a reorganization, just as the Democratic State League is doing to the Democratic party.

Objection was made to this suggestion, and Mr. Taft, taking neither side, the conference was evenly divided. From what could be learned, it was left to Mr. Taft to say which of the two policies advocated should be adopted. It was explained for him that he was at the conference more as a listener than as an arbitrator, and that as President of the whole country he did not conceive that it was fair to ask him to take sides in what he thought was to a large extent a factional dispute in the State. His position was described as being that, while he would be willing to give such advice as might be asked of him to bring solidarity in the party of the State, it could not be expected that he would do anything which might be construed as taking an active interest in Republican politics here.

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TAFT AT CONFERENCE

Reorganization in New York Principal Subject.

BRIBERY CASE CLAIMS NOTICE

Question of General Housecleaning at Albany Discussed by Republican Moguls—President Does Not Take Sides in Faction.

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MISS RANSOM DEAD

Aged F Street Artist Expires. Eighty Years of Age.

SHE PAINTED MANY PICTURES

Born on Western Reserve, She Traced Her Lineage Back to Noble Families of England—Regarded as Pioneer Woman Artist.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Miss Ransom, died yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in her apartments at 95 F street northwest, where she had lived for many years.

Miss Ransom had been in feeble health for about three years, and had been confined to her rooms since early last fall. She had been in an unconscious condition for about ten days.

When the end came yesterday a nurse and F. O. Day, a long time friend, were at her bedside. Miss Ransom's sister, Miss Irene Ransom, came from Cleveland several days ago, but is herself an aged woman, and the strain of coming to Washington and finding her sister near death served to make her ill, and she was last night in a serious condition.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the apartments in F street. The body will be taken to Cleveland, her former home, and interred in Lake View Cemetery.

Had Lived Here Thirty-five Years. Miss Ransom had been a resident of Washington for about thirty-five years, and had occupied her studio, with living apartments attached, in F street, for nearly thirty years. The rooms were arranged for her in the building owned by Mrs. Fitzhugh Coyne, and they had been her home and place of business since their completion.

The apartments contain a large reception room, the walls of which are lined with her paintings, made during her more active years of work. Back of the studio were her workroom and living apartments. The place had a rare charm for its occupant, as well as for the many friends of the artist.

After the funeral services to-day, the studio will remain closed until February 15, when some disposition will be made of her effects under the direction of the surviving sister.

Was Pioneer Woman Artist.

Miss Ransom was among the pioneer women artists of this country. She was a pupil of A. B. Durand, of New York, in landscape; of Thomas Hicks and Daniel Seape; of Thomas Hicks and Daniel Huntington, of New York, and of Kaulbach, of Munich, in portraiture and figure painting. Few women artists have painted so many pictures or have ventured into so wide a field with the brush.

Being in the prime of her womanhood at the time of the civil war, and finding an irresistible charm in that period of strife and its active participants, Miss Ransom painted many battle scenes and portraits of many of the Union generals. Six of her pictures adorn the Statehouse at Columbus, Ohio. In the Capital here hang those of Joshua R. Giddings, Representative from Ohio, and John W. Taylor, of New York, one of the early speakers of the House of Representatives. Miss Ransom was chosen by the Hamilton family, of New York, to paint the portrait of Alexander Hamilton for the Treasury Department and by the Dix family, of New York, for the picture of Gen. John A. Dix, which also hangs in the Treasury.

Back in the Garfield administration, James G. Blaine purchased from Miss Ransom her portrait of Thomas Jefferson for the State Department. Among other celebrated portraits is one of James A. Garfield, in the Toledo, Ohio, Memorial Hall; one of C. C. Baldwin, of Cleveland; of Judge Rufus P. Ranney and wife, of the same city, and of Miss Harriet P. Dame, the celebrated army nurse.

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TAFT DEFENDS PARTY AT LINCOLN DINNER

He Tells New York Republicans at Annual Waldorf Event That Tariff and Other Pledges Have Been Kept.

HE DWELLS ON ANTI-TRUST POLICY

Declares While Federal Incorporation Bill Is Not a Part of Platform, It Is Constitutional and Should Be Passed—Usual Gathering of Notables at Function.

New York, Feb. 12.—President Taft was the chief speaker to-night at the twenty-fourth annual Lincoln dinner of the Republican Club of New York in the Astor Gallery at the Waldorf.

It was one of the largest dinners ever held in the city. The President defended legislation already introduced in Congress as carrying out the pledges of the last Republican platform.

He dwelt at length on the subject of anti-trust legislation, and said that, while the Federal incorporation bill was not a part of the platform, he believed the bill to be constitutional, and said that it ought to be passed.

Gov. Hughes, of New York, and Gov. Fort, of New Jersey, who also spoke, declared that the Republican party must live in the future, and each advised the party to follow the lead of President Taft. Speaker Cannon sent a letter of regret, which contained a toast to the President. A feature of the occasion was the attendance of nearly 250 women, who heard the speeches from the balcony.

FLOWER OF PARTY.

In the main banquet hall were nearly 1,000 men.

At the left of President Taft, the Republican Club, sat President Taft, and on the right Gov. Hughes, Gov. Fort sat on the left of President Taft. Others at the President's table were Senator Depey, President John H. Finley, of the College of the City of New York; the Rev. Father Clune, William L. Ward, County Chairman Lloyd C. Grison, Otto T. Bannard, the Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, Charles MacCracken, of New York.

which was unveiled to-day, and has relics of which were souvenirs of the dinner. Over the bust was the President's flag, and behind the chairs of Gov. Hughes and Gov. Fort, were the State emblems of New York and New Jersey, respectively. Above the flags and insignia were the words, in electric letters, "With Malice Toward None, With Charity For All."

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