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ENDED IN SMOKE

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Failure of Balfour to Cripple Their Parliamentary Policy.

Will Keep the House Discussing the Scheme For Weeks.

TORIES FEAR ALL NEW LEGISLATION

A London correspondent cables the New York World that Balfour's reform of Parliamentary procedure is devised not to facilitate legislation, but to make the membership of the House of Commons exact less from a large body of casual and dilettante legislators, of whom Balfour himself is the model. The cardinal feature of his scheme is a rearrangement of the hours of the session, so as to give the members two hours to attend dinner parties and two clear days at the week's end to golf, motor or yacht. Nothing substantial is planned to enhance the efficiency of the legislative machine, and the Tories fear all new legislation and have no wish to provide weapons which a possible Radical Parliament might turn to important account.

The Irish party naturally is pleased that their predictions are verified, and that all threats of procedure reform to cripple their Parliamentary policy have ended in smoke. However, they expect to keep the House discussing this scheme for five or six weeks. Speaking on the subject of increased punishment to be meted out to members coming into collision with the Speaker—which is directed solely against the Irishmen—John Redmond, the Chairman of the Irish party, said:

"No penalty this House can impose will deter us from doing our duty as we see it. The Government may be brought face to face with a contingency in which the whole Irish representation may withdraw from this Parliament. We would far prefer to see it attempt to govern Ireland arbitrarily as a crown colony than by the fraudulent pretense of constitutional rule now existing. After a few months of that experiment England would be glad enough to offer Ireland home rule."

Among the troubles Colonial Secretary Chamberlain has succeeded in creating for Great Britain is one in Malta. Last year he decreed that after the lapse of fifteen years English should be the sole official language of the island. The Maltese protested against the suppression of their national tongue. The English Liberals, whose fear of Chamberlain is ludicrous, have turned a deaf ear to the appeals and petitions from the Maltese, so J. P. Boland, a young Irish Nationalist member, supported by the Irish party, took up the Maltese case. Boland has now forced Chamberlain to withdraw the language decree and has earned the warm thanks of the Maltese, especially as Chamberlain deprived the concession of all grace by pretending it was a tribute to Italian sentiment, not to Maltese protests.

VOLUNTEER SOCIALS.

Their Euchre and Dance Will Attract Very Large Crowd.

All the arrangements have been completed for the euchre and dance at Music Hall on Monday night under the auspices of the Volunteer Socials, and the indications point to a very large crowd. Sixteen handsome and costly prizes have been secured, and the winners will have reason to consider themselves fortunate. Prominent among the lady workers who are assisting the Volunteers upon this occasion are Mesdames Ben Sandman, Mary Gleeson, Lahood Karem, James McBride and Misses Mary McElliot and Katie Foley. Play will begin at 8 o'clock sharp, that the floor may be cleared at a reasonable hour for the dancers.

Those who know Messrs. Edward J. Dalton, James McBride, A. J. Sheridan, Bob Mitchell, D. J. Gleeson and M. Lyons say they are soldiers of long experience, who never fail to entertain their friends in a manner that gives to the Volunteers a high standing socially. This will be the last opportunity to celebrate before Lent, and all who would have a jolly good time should attend.

DISCOUNT EXPIRES.

Those who fail to pay their taxes today will lose the discount allowed for prompt payment. Tax Receiver Brown and his accommodating and gentlemanly deputies have been kept exceedingly busy all this month.

SHEEDY ON HEROES.

"The way to be a hero is to try your darndest to get killed; if you don't get killed you are a hero," said Pat Sheedy as he sat in the office of a Charleston hotel the other day. "That is just the reason why Roosevelt is a popular hero."

I have asked two hundred people in the last few years where Roosevelt was in that fight at Kettle Hill, and they all say 'He was seventy-five to one hundred yards in advance of any of us, trying his best to be killed.' If he had been killed he would just have been a martyr and long ago forgotten. But as he escaped he is a hero. That is one way to be President. Try to get killed in a war, and if you don't get hit, you may run for the Presidency."

PAULIST MISSION.

Non-Catholics Only to Be Admitted to New York Church.

There will be a careful watch to keep Catholics out of the church of the Paulist fathers at Fifty-ninth street and Ninth avenue during the coming week. All persons presenting themselves after a certain hour today will be met at the door by sentinels and questioned as to their religion, says the New York Sunday World. If they reply that they are Catholics the sentinel will say, "Sorry, no admittance." If they are Protestants they will be told to come right in. The only way to which a Catholic can secure admittance is by being accompanied by a Protestant.

The Paulist fathers are conducting a mission for non-Catholics and they want to make sure that it is really persons either of no religious belief or of a denomination other than Catholic that they are addressing. The two priests of the Paulist society who are to preach at this mission are Father Elias Youman, of Calcutta, and Father Burke. This mission for non-Catholics will last till next Sunday. Besides conferences, lectures and sermons, it will include the answering in public of dogmatic questions and objections from the audience, formulated in letters placed in the "Question Box." After the mission follows a "week of inquiry," when those who may have been moved by the exposition of the fathers will have an opportunity of obtaining detailed instruction preparatory to embracing the Catholic faith.

Cardinal Gibbons ten years ago said that the Catholic church in this country makes some 60,000 converts annually. Queried recently on the same subject he refused to give definite figures, but said that the annual average number of converts has since then considerably increased.

NARROW ESCAPE.

Officer Dan Sexton Again Saves Officer Tom Connell.

Officer Tom Connell, one of the best men on the local police force, had his second narrow escape from injury within one week last Saturday night, being again saved by the prompt action and coolness of Officer Dan Sexton. Early in the week while attempting to board an electric car at Sixth and Green streets the motorman started while he was stepping up on the platform, throwing him and catching his arm in such a manner that he was dragged until Seventh street was reached, where the people who saw him succeeded in having the car stopped. Luckily Officer Sexton, who happened to be standing on the rear platform, saw his danger and by superhuman effort held his brother officer in such position that he escaped being caught under the wheels.

Saturday night again when trying to board a West Market street car his foot slipped and he came near being crushed under the wheels, but for the second time Sexton caught him, this time hauling him to the platform, the only injury sustained being a severely sprained ankle. Persons should take warning and not try to get on the street cars till they come to a full stop. It is a wonder there are not more accidents, as but few cars stop as they should.

MEETS WITH FAVOR.

An effort is being made by the parishioners of St. Augustine's church in Jeffersonville to raise funds with which to erect a monument to the late Father Ernest Audran. Father Audran spent the greater part of his life in Jeffersonville, and the suggestion to thus perpetuate his memory meets with favor.

OWN YOUR HOME.

They are a wise young man and woman who start out in their married life in a home of their own in some place where they will have green grass about their house, even if it is only a few feet. It makes no difference how humble or how modest the house may be. The smallest box of a house with a plot of green is a temple of common sense compared to the finest "flat" or "boarding house" in the city. If there is anything appropriate in this life it is that young people should live somewhere where each day they can see their own unfolding lives reflected in the unfolding works of nature. There is no beginning in the same sense to a young married life so true, so wise, so lasting and so satisfactory as that. No life in a city is comparable with that which is lived in a small house with green things growing over and around it, where God's pure sunshine bathes and sweetens every side of the house during the day, and where the surest life-giving odors that God gives to his children—the odors of soil and growing things—are blown into the house while we sleep.

FAVORS EUCHRE.

Excellent Means of Providing Amusement For Society People.

Handsome Sums Have Been Realized For Charitable Purposes.

Establish Pleasing Social Relations Between Old and Young.

SPIRITED CONTESTS FOR THE PRIZES

The social season now coming to a close has been a most enjoyable one in Louisville, scarcely a night passing without its reception, dance or euchre party, the latter perhaps being the most popular form of amusement. Indeed progressive euchre seems to have taken a firmer hold upon society this year than ever before. This is because it can be indulged in by larger numbers and with less formality than the majority of society functions, and the contest for prizes lends an added spirit that attracts many who would otherwise be practically retired from the social whirl. Another feather that popularizes this exciting game is that by this means funds may be raised for the promotion of worthy charities and laudable undertakings without burdening those of generous disposition. There is scarcely a charitable organization in this city but that has by this means entertained its members and friends and augmented its treasury during the past winter. And the amount of distress they have thereby relieved is almost incalculable, notwithstanding that much of the money thus realized has been secured in pushing to completion a number of laudable movements started in the early fall. Among the many mentioned in these columns none were more brilliant than those of the past week, which brought together larger crowds and established most pleasant social relations between old and young.

The euchre and reception given on Friday night of last week by Branch 110 of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America of New Albany attracted the largest gathering ever assembled in Holy Trinity Hall, and was a grand success socially as well as financially. Ten elegant prizes were contested for, the lucky winners being Miss Skally, Miss Pearl Harbison, Mrs. Helm, Miss Delia Higgins, Miss Werner, Messrs. Reuever, Eagan, Kirchner, John Richards and Golden. The ladies of the branch having the affair in charge were so pleased with the results that they have arranged to give another next Monday afternoon and night at Holy Trinity Hall, to which they cordially invite all their Louisville and Jeffersonville friends. The afternoon game will not be called until 2:40 o'clock, in order to give all visitors opportunity to arrive on time. Mrs. Peter Richards, President of Branch 110, will be assisted by prominent ladies and gentlemen of New Albany in receiving, and all who attend are assured a delightful time.

Music Hall never appeared brighter or more brilliant than on last Wednesday afternoon and night, when a number of ladies prominent in Louisville's leading society circles gave a social euchre for the benefit of the Sacred Heart Home on East College street. Seven hundred players sat down to the tables, the games being in charge of Misses Jennie Giles, Nannie Mason, Katie Hoffmann, Jennie Clark, Lena Hoffman and Mrs. S. D. Gillis, while Messrs. Edward J. O'Brien and Tom Evans managed the floor.

While the older people were playing in the afternoon the children were entertained in the large hall, the pupils of the St. Mary Magdalen, Holy Cross, St. Charles and St. Paul's schools attending in a body. After the games refreshments were served and an hour spent in enjoyment. Both halls were required to accommodate the throng at night, when prizes were won by Mrs. Katie Porter, Misses Katie Alvey, Annie Bosse, Ella McDermott, Bertha Young, and Messrs. Edward Rausch, Will Larkin, Andy Schuble, A. Isaacs and M. J. Doll.

Quite a number of useful and valuable articles were donated by friends to be raffled off for the benefit of the home, and after the prizes were awarded all who could do so gathered around Messrs. Andy Kast, Nick Bosler and John Coleman, who had charge of the wheel of fortune. The auctioneers kept all in the best of humor and succeeded in emptying many a pocketbook, over \$200 being realized for the home.

The Sacred Heart Home, while not numbered among the strictly charitable institutions of the city, is maintained for the accommodation of deserving women who are alone in the world and who desire congenial associations and comfortable surroundings. The present building will scarcely accommodate those there now, and it is the desire of the good Sisters to purchase the adjoining lot and erect thereon an addition to the home, which has been in existence for a number of years, having been founded by Mrs. Pyne. With the money now on hand and that realized from the euchre it is hoped to accomplish the desired end. The ladies deserve credit for their excellent management.

PROMOTED.

Will Mackin Made General Manager of Button's Grocery.

Will Mackin's host of friends throughout the city are congratulating him upon his deserved promotion. About four years ago A. Button & Sons added to their many grocery stores the one at



Seventh and Oak streets, and among the young clerks engaged was William J. Mackin, nephew of the late Father Mackin, and well known in the West End, where he lived until his removal to Limerick.

By his affable manner and strict attention to business he contributed much to the success of his employers, who have shown their appreciation by making him the general manager of their store. This recognition by a firm that does the largest grocery business in Louisville speaks well for the young Irish-American, whose example might well be followed by many of our young men.

LENTEN SEASON.

Regulations to Be Observed in the Diocese of Louisville.

The holy season of Lent begins Wednesday, and impressive services will be held in all Catholic churches. Right Rev. Bishop McCloskey has issued the following regulations to be observed in the Louisville diocese:

All the weeks days of Lent from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday are fast days of precept, on one meal, with the allowance of a moderate collation in the evening.

The church excuses from the obligation of fasting (but not of abstinence from flesh meat, except in special cases of sickness) the infirm, those who are attaining their growth, those whose duties are of an exhausting or laborious character, women in pregnancy or nursing infants, and those who are enfeebled by old age.

The following dispensations are granted for this diocese by the authority of the Holy See:

First—The use of flesh meat, as also of eggs, is permitted at every meal on the Sundays of Lent and at the principal meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with the exception of Saturday in Ember week and Holy Saturday.

Second—Custom also allows the use of eggs, butter, milk, etc., at the evening collation, and also at the principal meal on the days on which the use of flesh meats is forbidden.

Third—The quality of food allowed at a collation in this diocese is bread, fruit, salads, vegetables and cold fish.

Fourth—A small piece of bread, with a cup of coffee, tea or chocolate, can be taken in the morning.

Fifth—Where it is not convenient to take the principal meal at noon it is lawful to invert the order and take collation in the morning and dinner in the evening.

Sixth—Drippings and lard may be used in the preparation of the kinds of food which are permitted.

Seventh—On Sunday there is neither fasting nor abstinence, but fish can not be used with flesh meat at the same meal on any Sunday during Lent.

Eighth—Those who are exempt from the precept of fasting can partake of flesh meat at every meal during the day when by special indulgence is permitted at the special meal.

The time for fulfilling the Easter precept of communion in the diocese extends from the first Sunday in Lent to Trinity Sunday inclusive.

By virtue of the indulgence granted to us by the Holy See, March 15, 1895, we permit to all workmen and their families the use of flesh meat once a day on all fast days and abstinence days throughout the year, with the exception of Friday, Ash Wednesday, the Wednesday and Saturday of Holy Week, and the eve of Christmas.

Those who are exempt from the obligation of fasting are free to take meat more than once in the days mentioned.

Those who avail themselves of the indulgence are not allowed the use of flesh meat and fish at the same meal, and they are earnestly exhorted to perform some other act of mortification, such as abstinence from intoxicating liquors.

The vacancies in the Board of Directors of the School of Reform have been filled by the election of Hon. Joe T. O'Neal and Ben Freese.

SOCIAL SEASON

Brought to a Happy Close by the Hibernians of the West End.

Reception For Those Who Assisted at the Social Sessions.

Euchre, Vocal and Instrumental Music, Refreshments and Dancing.

DIVISION 3 MAKES SCORES OF FRIENDS

Monday night at Hibernian Hall took place the last social session and reception of the season of Division 3 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and what memories it evoked! It was the one entertainment at which all met on an equal footing. There were neither cliques nor sets, and Messrs. John Cavanaugh, Denny Coleman, Lawrence Mackey, Thomas Quinn, Patrick Walsh, Will Burns and Hugh J. Higgins worked hard for the success of the affair, which was indeed enjoyed by the many invited guests as well as members of the division.

Once a month during the past winter this enterprising division, representing the West End, has held a social session, many young ladies and gentlemen not members of the order participating in the entertainment at loss of time and expense. These socials have added much to the reputation of Division 3 and were a source of great enjoyment to the members. But with the approach of the Lenten season festivities cease until next fall, and with their usual thoughtfulness the Literary and Entertainment Committee determined to make this one that would not be soon forgotten, sparing no effort in their endeavor to make it surpass in every way all that had preceded it.

The hall was brilliantly illuminated, and the evening's entertainment began with a euchre, twelve handsome and valuable prizes being contested for. Preceding the games John Green, who possesses an exceptionally fine voice, sang a sentimental ballad and was warmly applauded. Edwin Sabree also made many friends, singing excellently "When the Roses Bloom Again," and responding to the hearty encore with the "Fatal Rose of Red." Little Misses June and Lee Ijames also made hits with their comic songs, and a pleasing sketch by Messrs. McAtee and Bauer brought the preliminary entertainment to a close. Misses Julia and Mamie Kelly presided at the piano in a charming manner.

Promptly at 9 o'clock all who desired to play were seated and progressive euchre was played as never before, every table but one being necessary to accommodate those who wanted to capture the elegant trophies. The awards were made at 10 o'clock, the fortunate winners being Misses Mamie Sullivan, Allie Rousche, Maggie Connelly, Mrs. James Coleman, Mrs. Mary Ijames and Little Tunstall Ijames; Messrs. John Richard, Edward L. Sabree, James Treacy, Martin J. Ford, Thomas Coleman and Edward Kelly, who received prizes in the order named. By a strange coincidence nearly all were won by residents of Twentieth street, who were quite exultant over their skill as players.

All were invited to be again seated, when an abundance of refreshments were served, Wathen furnishing the cream and cakes. When all were satisfied the tables were removed and an exhibition of fancy cake walking was given by John Tracy and June Ijames and Tim Golden and Miss Lida Meagher, who by their imitable evolutions caused hearty laughter. Then dancing followed until the hour for dispersing, when all left for home with words of praise for the hospitality of this great Irish organization.

FACTS OF INTEREST.

Baby carriages propelled by electricity are in use in Paris.

In all countries more marriages take place in June than in any other month.

Great Britain has a longer coast line than any other nation in Europe. It measures 2,755 miles, with Italy second, 2,473 miles. Russia ranks third and France fourth.

An arrangement has just been made whereby the Berlin gas lamps in the streets will be lighted automatically and simultaneously by means of an electric attachment. The current will be switched on from the central station and a spark will ignite the gas, which will be turned on by a special apparatus.

England is only second in Europe in point of trains. Whereas her fastest trains are put down as traveling close on fifty-five miles per hour, France shows upward of fifty-eight miles.

German trains come next with about fifty-one miles and Belgium fourth with forty-nine.

surface with all the advantage of armor, air supply and weights to sink them. The effort has been made to reach a wreck in 240 feet of water. The accounts state that at 130 feet the diver began to experience serious trouble. At 200 feet, after suffering terribly, he lost consciousness.

Norway's population is the smallest in Europe, compared with her area. Each of her inhabitants could have forty acres of land, while the Briton would have to be content with less than an acre.

KENTUCKY BEAUTIES.

They Are Rivalled Only by Girls of the Emerald Isle.

DELMONTS DEDICATE

New Amusement Hall With Banquet and Interesting Exercises.

Monday night the friends of the Delmont Club to the number of 1,500 assembled to assist in the dedication of the new \$7,500 amusement hall just completed under the supervision of Architect Charles Meyer. The guests were given a cordial welcome and good fellowship was the distinguishing feature of the celebration. The preliminary dedicatory exercises took place in the fine new bowling alleys, Messrs. Harry Weissinger, Marion Taylor, Postmaster Baker and Bob Brown rolling the balls down the alleys. Then adjourning to the assembly hall, another new feature, four hundred were seated at tables, the big banquet being gracefully presided over by the popular President, George W. Humbert. There was plenty to eat and drink and two bands of music. After the banquet toasts were responded to and high praise bestowed upon the Delmont Club, which is in every sense a creditable social organization and deserves the magnificent success achieved during its short career. The Delmont has been a prominent factor in the social affairs of the East End, and now its membership includes some of the best known citizens of the city. Women also are frequently honored by the club with euchres and receptions, in which all the privileges of the organization are accorded the fair guests.

SULLIVAN AND DONAHUE.

The Mardi Gras festivities at New Orleans, which take place next week, will attract hundreds of thousands to the Crescent City, and for the protection of the visitors Chief of Police Jennie has asked the assistance of the most noted detectives in the United States. It is gratifying to note that among those for whom he has made special request are two members of the Louisville department, Chief William Sullivan and Martin Donahue, who left for New Orleans Wednesday. No detective reputation in the country bears a finer reputation than that of Louisville, hence our freedom from the notorious criminals that infest large cities.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Hon. William S. McNary, of Boston, Past Deputy Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, is in the South-west, where he will organize at least two new councils. This is the first time the great southwestern country has been invaded by this society. His work will be done in part in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas. The council in Albuquerque will be instituted in the shadow of a Catholic church that was built fifty years before the Pilgrims landed on Cape Cod's shores, and near the spot where the first mass was celebrated in the United States, early in the sixteenth century.

BANQUETED

Irish Members of Parliament Here to Complete Irish League.

Redmond and Devlin Expect to Remain Several Months.

The Former One of the Readiest Speakers On the Irish Benches.

DEVLIN A SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZER

William Redmond, M. P., the brother of the Chairman of the Irish party, accompanied by Joseph Devlin, who have arrived in New York on the steamship Cymric, have been commissioned by the Irish party to complete the organizing of the United Irish League throughout the United States and Canada. William Redmond has been in America several times and is well known to the leaders in the Irish movement here. He is one of the most active, readiest speakers on the Irish benches, and is generally popular in the House of Commons. Joseph Devlin has not yet entered Parliament. He is in business in Belfast, where he has a high reputation as a platform speaker and organizer. Redmond expects to remain in the United States two or three months, but Devlin will stay until the work of the mission is satisfactorily accomplished.

Both were entertained by sixty-two Irish members of Parliament at a banquet in the House of Commons on the Tuesday night preceding their departure. As no speaking is allowed in the House dining-rooms an American plan was adopted on the suggestion of Edward Blake, M. P., the two delegates standing at the door as the company left, shaking hands with each. The Irish members did not deem it advisable to leave the precincts of the House of Commons for their banquet lest the Government take advantage of their absence to carry something to which they were opposed. William Redmond is accompanied by his wife, a charming Australian lady of an Irish family, who was with her husband on some of his former visits to America.

The United Irish League is spreading rapidly throughout the country, a large number of branches being already in process of formation. Branches of the League have also been established in Providence, Trenton, Cumberland, and twelve branches have been organized in Chicago. St. Louis has also thrown itself into the movement with enthusiasm, Judge Thomas Morris being the principal mover in the work. Worcester, Lowell Falls, Syracuse, Binghamton, Buffalo, and other centers are also making arrangements to organize the League.

William Redmond, M. P., brother of the Irish leader, and Joseph Devlin, of Belfast, will speak in the Hollis Street Theater in Boston on Sunday evening, March 2, when the United Irish League will celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Robert Emmet, the martyr patriot. Mayor Patrick A. Collins will preside and introduce the speakers. The demonstration promises to be one of the most enthusiastic held in that city for years in connection with Irish affairs.

GEORGE RUHL KILLED

Run Over by Street Car and Body Was Terribly Mangled.

George Ruhl, a well known German resident of the East End, living at 524 Camp street, was run over and instantly killed by a Shelby-street electric car Wednesday morning, his body being almost severed in two and terribly mangled. The unfortunate man was crossing Shelby street, near Rapp, but did not see the rapidly approaching car. He was struck by the fender and dragged a surprising distance, when the body was forced under the car, which had to be raised with jackscrews before the dead body could be removed. Mr. Ruhl was for many years employed by Harbison & Gathright. Besides his wife he leaves two grown daughters, who were prostrated when notified of the awful catastrophe. His funeral took place Friday morning from St. Vincent de Paul's church, large numbers attending the sad obsequies.

POPE LOOKS STRONG.

"The Holy Father is looking remarkably well and strong," said Bishop Farley, of New York, to an American correspondent in Rome last Saturday. Bishop Farley, who is Archbishop Corrigan's auxiliary in the archdiocese of New York, and former District Attorney Philbin, of New York, had just been received in audience by the Pope. "I could perceive no appreciable difference," continued Monsignor Farley, "since I last saw the Sovereign Pontiff several years ago. His memory and alertness are as prodigious as ever."

Six thousand people greeted Admiral Schley at Nashville's public reception Monday night.