

Fair, possibly showers. Continued warm. Southerly winds.

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IRISH LAND BILL A MAZE

Even Its Author Does Not Understand the Measure.

PLANS FOR THE SOUDAN

Five Regiments Held in Readiness for Active Service in June—Their Destination Is Not Announced—As Soon as the Nile River Operations Will Begin, It Is Said.

London, April 18.—Experts in Irish land legislation are exploring the mazes of the text of the Irish land bill, which was issued to the members of the House of Commons yesterday. They find it difficult to agree as to how the measure will operate.

The chief secretary of Ireland, Mr. Gerald Balfour, in introducing the bill last Monday, left the House in a state of puzzling perplexity. His style of exposition did not assist in clarifying the intricate subject.

Experienced gallery reporters concur in the opinion that Mr. Balfour's speech was the most complicated and technical one ever delivered in Parliament. He hurried unapologetically through a maze of details, leaving the audience in a state of bewilderment.

Mr. John Dillon, the leader of the anti-Franchisees, who introduced the Irish land question probably better than any other member, said in the lobby that he had listened to the most intricate and difficult of all the speeches he had ever heard in connection with Irish land affairs.

HAS SIX PARTS. The text of the bill shows that the measure is divided into six parts and forty-four clauses, of which the matter of purchase occupies seventeen clauses.

Under the new bill they will pay 4 per cent on the full value for the first ten years, for the next ten years the same rate on 286, for the next ten years on 474, and for the next ten years on 768.

The anti-Franchisees are convinced that the government does not intend to pass the bill at this session, and they will, therefore, not obstruct its second reading, but will concentrate their efforts against it in the committee of the whole.

The war office has been instructed to hold two regiments of guards and three line regiments in readiness for active service in June. The destination of these troops is not officially announced, but it is unofficially known that they are destined for Egypt, where it is expected they will land in July.

According to the Army and Navy Gazette the earliest advantage will be taken of the rise of the Nile at the end of July to transport the troops, supplies, etc., to Hongkong. Until the river is high enough to allow steam vessels to pass safely over, contracts, native crafts will be used for transportation purposes.

They will, however, only be used to transport stores to places near the present base of operations. The English papers make much of the

BOUND TO PREVENT DUELS

German Government Asked What Measures Will Be Taken.

SCHREIDER AFFAIR GOSSIP

Empire Shows His Contempt for the Dead Duels by Refusing to Send a Wreath to His Funeral—Counter Party Will Put Questions to Chancellor Hohenlohe on the Subject.

Berlin, April 18.—The party of the Center in the Reichstag have decided to put some questions to Chancellor Von Hohenlohe regarding the recent German duels, and ask to be informed what measures the government proposes to take to prevent similar encounters in the future.

The question will also be raised in the Prussian Landtag. This movement of the Center party appears in the latest social quarters and is also championed by all the leading Berlin and provincial newspapers and it is significant that a journal of the character of the Cologne Gazette in a series of articles, which were devoted to the injury to its prestige which it deprecates with a full and rigorous and rigorously put a stop to the practice.

In the meantime the increasing public agitation against dueling has prevented the emperor for some time from being expected to arise out of the Kotze-Schneider affair.

HIS DEATH A GOSSEND.—The meeting which was arranged between Baron von Schuler and Baron von Kotze and Baron von Schuler and several other imposing encounters in the past few days, which resulted in the family has left Berlin for the south of Europe. Their exact destination is kept secret.

A majority of those who are fully informed as to the inner side of the quarrel between Von Kotze and Von Schneider consider the death of the latter as a kind of grotesque and unjust punishment.

Schneider was first banished in the summer of 1894, Schneider was designated in the United Press dispatches as the originator of the trouble which resulted in the long string of misadventures, his unjust imprisonment under the order of the emperor and his subsequent private trial and release with a full pardon, amounting to social and official death.

Schneider was Kotze's accuser and remained his bitter enemy, even when the latter's innocence was proved. The newspapers alleged that Schneider addressed a letter to the emperor prior to the duel endeavoring to clear himself of any share in the scandal, but it is known that any such letter exists.

EMPEROR SHOWS CONTEMPT.—There has also been a complete change in the attitude of the emperor. For a long time his majesty has been regarded as being against him and his studied contempt for him was shown by his omission to send a wreath to his funeral and his refusal to permit the use of his name in the family of Garschke in Potsdam for the deceased master of ceremonies. In spite of the stand which the emperor has taken, however, a large contingent of his subjects still respect for the dead duelist.

The Dowager Empress, Frederick, although very strong in her condemnation of the practice of dueling, has not so far taken any action against the family of Baron von Schneider a message of sympathy and condolence and also sent a wreath of roses to be placed upon the coffin. The body of Baron von Schneider was buried on Thursday at Ratziburg, the family seat.

The parish clergyman refused to give the body a Christian burial and Court Chaplain Wundt refused to officiate. The Ratziburg veterans fired a volley over his grave.

Promoting the Work of Securing a Large Attendance of Veterans.—The St. Paul Club, whose reason for existence is that the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., shall make a creditable display at the St. Paul campmeeting in September next, is making good progress with its work.

The club met last evening in the Red Parlor of the Ebbett House and taken over the subject of the club is not only that there shall be in attendance a large contingent of the "well to do" members, but they are assuring the others by a sinking fund money for this purpose by a sinking fund scheme.

They are also raising money by means of entertainments. One of these will be given on the evening of May 4, and will be called a May fete. At this W. L. I., the Fenobles, the old Guard, the National Rifles will assist in a military drill. There will be some prize drills, fancy dancing, singing, and literary entertainments. This program was submitted in the story told by young Sanborn, was some distance from him. When the shot was fired, the bullet struck his chest to see what the bullet had hit, and found a hole in Smith's forehead.

AGAINST THE MATABILES.—Gen. Carrington Appointed to the Supreme Command.—London, April 18.—Major Gen. Sir Frederick Carrington, at present commanding the infantry brigade at Gibraltar, has been appointed to the supreme command of the campaign against the Matabiles.

The Central News says that the war office has telegraphed to all military officers who are away from South Africa on leave to immediately return to their regiments.

Steel for Spanish Defenses.—London, April 18.—Senator Canovas de Castillo, the Spanish prime minister, has sent a dispatch to England to place orders for steel armaments connected with the strengthening of the defenses of the Spanish Atlantic and Mediterranean coasts. It is supposed that Spain is making these preparations to guard against evasive movements on the part of the United States on the Cuban question.

Sensational English Baby-Farming.—London, April 18.—Over one hundred missing infants are now connected with a baby-farming. The police have consulted the higher legal authorities regarding prominent persons who have been found to be involved by giving Mrs. Dyer five children. Sensational developments are probable when the case comes on for trial.

Navigation Open at Salt Ste. Marie.—Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., April 18.—Navigation opened at this port today at 4 p. m., two of the Thompson Tug Line boats, Merick and Thompson, making the river without accident, open the canal for all lake craft. The locks are in working order.

Howard Cassard to Sail.—The Howard Cassard will sail this afternoon from Alexandria. At least that is the program drawn from the best information that can be obtained at this writing.

SEVEN KILLED IN A MINE.

Unexplained Explosion in Montana Results in Many Injuries.

ARRIVE HOME FROM CUBA

Washington Boy Tells of the War in the Island.

INSURGENTS SURE TO WIN

Mr. John A. Shankland Reaches Washington From Havana and Declares That the War Is Very Near Its Climax—Hospitals Full of Wounded Spaniards.

Mr. John A. Shankland of this city, who has recently been banking with the Spanish soldiers in the famous old custom house in Havana, is here again from Washington. Mr. Shankland brings some news which is a confirmation of the intelligence that the insurgents are not far from the city walls, and that the hospitals are filled with the Spanish wounded.

Mr. Shankland, who was for thirty-four years executive clerk of the United States Senate, the young man left New York about three weeks ago with letters of introduction to Vice Consul General Springer at Havana. His idea was to obtain employment there. He sailed on the Ymuri on the 12th inst. and arrived in New York about a week ago on the Segura.

LIVED AMONG THE SOLDIERS.—Mr. Shankland was disappointed in getting anything to do, the vice consul not being able to assist him to a position, so he passed much of his time in the barracks at the custom house and postoffice. While there, being able to speak Spanish, he conversed with the soldiers.

The general opinion was that the war was a bloody one and that the chances of a great deal of it were near the city walls. They told him that the hospitals were full of wounded men and that this was the best evidence of the many serious conflicts. Mr. Shankland, owing to the lack of means, did not remain long, and did not get outside of the city into the interior.

He had a strange experience coming back. The crew of the Segura was composed entirely of Spaniards. He had often heard them talking about him, and the general opinion expressed by them was that he was a "spy of President Cleveland."

Mr. Shankland thought that there was a plot brewing to make away with him, and heard a conversation which he construed to have to do with his life. He reported to the second officer of the vessel, telling him that he had not expressed himself properly as to the Cuban struggle.

The officer when apprised to reassure Mr. Shankland, and the rest of the trip was made safely, but not without constant sayings as to what might happen. Mr. Shankland firmly believed that the plot was to throw him overboard. He is confident that the crew were all royalists, and believing that he was carrying information from Cuba to the government here they thought the best way to prevent it reaching New York was to leave the messenger at the bottom of the Atlantic.

Mr. Shankland's information is that the Cubans are having much the best of the war so far.

TOUCHED UP INGERSOLL.—Miss Willard McKenna Farewell Speech at New York.—New York, April 18.—Miss Frances E. Willard, who is about to sail for Europe, was given an ovation at a public mass meeting held here tonight at the headquarters of the Local Legion Temperance Society.

She said that the President of the United States was her friend. It had been found that she had been in the city of New York, Miss Willard gave a five referred to Col. Robert G. Ingersoll. She said that despite recent utterances in Chicago, which were intended to shake the people's faith in God, she knew that God overruled all things for good. God's love and Christianity are working in accordance with a preconceived plan for the triumph of justice, good and true. The temperance cause is in the line of the advancement of righteousness. God is the force behind all.

BEATEN BY WHITECAPS.—Negro Maltreated for Difficulty With a White Man.—(Special to The Times).—Richmond, April 18.—From Burkeville comes a story of cruelty and brutality that surpasses anything of the kind in the State for some time.

In Nottingham white caps tied up, by the white men, a negro named Barkville comes a story of cruelty and brutality that surpasses anything of the kind in the State for some time.

There is no evidence that Vaughan had a hand in the matter. Warrants were given for 100 lashes and beat profusely. Warrants have been sworn out for some of the offenders.

Large Deal in Cypress Lands.—Mobile, Ala., April 18.—There was completed here today a deal of cypress lands involving about \$50,000, which will result in putting into the hands of the State 25,000 feet of board measure of cypress. The lands purchased lie between the Mobile and Birmingham Railroad and the Mobile River, and were sold to Mr. C. W. Gray, of New Orleans, by George Fearn and Son, of this city. They propose to take out the timber by a process which has been in operation for a long time, and which consists in disposing with the services of freshets and torrents.

Three Baltimore Fallows.—Baltimore, Md., April 18.—Three assignments were put on record today. The George B. Foster Company, wholesale liquor dealers and rectifiers, of East Lombard street, filed a deed of trust to John H. Wight, who gave bond for \$70,000. Charles R. Benjamin, trading as the Baltimore, Washington, Richmond and Norfolk Newspaper Syndicate, executed a deed of trust to Oscar C. Marten, who filed a bond for \$30,000. Sylvester Roth, trading as Roth & Sons, and also an individual in the same manufacturing tin cans, assigned to Charles E. Suter, who filed a bond for \$20,000.

Capt. A. A. Fenagar Dead.—New London, Conn., April 18.—Capt. A. A. Fenagar, of the United States Revenue Service, died here today of dropsy. He had been in the service nearly forty years and for a long time had been in command of the cutter U. S. Grant. He was superintending the construction of a cutter at Boston last spring when his health failed and he came here. His native place was Africa, he was sixty-one years old, had been married three times, and leaves three children, one married daughter residing in Rockport, Me.

Clyde Shipping Trade Increases.—London, April 18.—The Clyde trade shows a wonderful expansion. The orders for 40,000 tons of new shipping were placed there in April. Steel vessels are especially in demand. The greatest of the Japanese shipping companies, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, intend to start a line of steamers to Europe. It has ordered six vessels that are to be built at Belfast and for a deal of time to John H. Wight, who gave bond for \$70,000.

SHOT HIS COUSIN SWEETHEART.

Parents Refused Consent to Marriage and the Girl Was Killed.

FATAL CAR HOUSE FIRE

Many Killed or Injured and Nearly Forty Coaches Burned.

PHILADELPHIA

Flames Raged for Six Hours and 500 Pennsylvania Railway Employees Aided the Firemen—Falling Walls Have Many Victims—Eight Pullman Coaches Destroyed.

Philadelphia, April 18.—The old Pennsylvania Railroad depot at Thirty-second and Market streets, and the train shed, together with eight Pullman cars and about thirty passenger coaches, were today destroyed by fire tonight.

Two firemen were killed by falling walls and over a dozen others were injured. The loss is estimated at \$350,000. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company carries its own insurance. The depot was destroyed by fire tonight.

William Staiger, aged fifty-seven years, assistant chief engineer of Philadelphia fire department, was fractured, internal injuries and fragility, however, died within ten minutes after being removed to the Presbyterian Hospital.

Hugh McVernigan, forty-eight years old, formerly a member of the fire department, died at hospital half hour after being admitted.

UNDER A FALLEN WALL.—The fire started at 1:30 o'clock, presumably from an explosion of gas, in a coal bin under the train shed, and spreading rapidly. Three alarms were turned in and the firemen, aided by at least 500 employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad shops nearby, fought the flames but without effect.

The workmen used axes and iron pipes that were under the train shed by pushing them by main strength to places of safety, among them being the private cars of President Robert A. Taft, and President Thompson of the Pennsylvania Railroad and Western Railroad.

Eight Pullman cars and about thirty passenger coaches, however, were consumed. The fire raged for six hours and it was not extinguished until midnight.

Shortly before 3 o'clock an iron partition in front of the building fell and four firemen were caught by the debris and badly injured. The most serious disaster occurred two hours later, when a two-story wing of the building fell without warning, burying a half dozen firemen under the mass of hot brick.

AN OLD FIREMAN.—The men were rescued in a short time, but Fireman Staiger and McVernigan had sustained fatal injuries and died in the hospital.

McVernigan regained consciousness shortly before he died, but he has not been asked that a priest be summoned. The clergyman arrived a few minutes too late. He leaves a wife and three children. Staiger had been a fireman for at least thirty years and he was one of the best known members of the fire department. Two children survive him.

The building was occupied by several officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad and valuable records and plans were destroyed. The commissary department of the Pullman Company was also located at this place. The structure was abandoned for passenger traffic in 1881 when the Broad street station was completed, after having been in use for ten or twelve years. There were sixteen tracks in the train shed and these were filled with cars when the fire started.

ESCAPED BY A MIRACLE.—Occupants of a Boggy Narrowly Missed Death.—The pedestrians on Pennsylvania avenue were thrown into a state of excitement last night about 12 o'clock by a great runaway. For the few moments it lasted it seemed as if it must certainly terminate fatally, both to the occupants of the vehicle and the horses attached to it.

The vehicle was occupied by a lady and gentleman the latter driving. On their way up the Avenue from the Capitol, when near Ninth street the pole of the harness broke. This frightened the horses, and they started up the street, at a break-neck pace.

The driver, a gentleman from Alexandria, kept his seat, and finally was dismounted, checked the horses, by an artistic touch, known to thorough horsemen, threw the horses down on the pavement between the street and the sidewalk, and they broke. This frightened the horses, and they started up the street, at a break-neck pace.

NEW YORK IS SWEETENING.—New York, April 18.—The warm wave still continues, this being the sixth consecutive day that the thermometer has climbed to the summer heat point. At 9 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered only 58 degrees, but it rose rapidly during the morning, and at 3 o'clock this afternoon the official record was 80 degrees, which is much higher than the record for April 18 in the city. The thermometer registers 91 in the shade.

Shot a Peeping Tom.—De Land, Fla., April 18.—For some time a woman has been in the habit of peering into the ladies of this place. The fellow who had been detected Friday night, when John Van Hook was caught watching a lady disrobe, a number of persons went to Van Hook's about 1 o'clock Saturday morning, over a dozen gunshots were heard in the direction the peeper had taken. Members of the party will give no information, but it is said Van Hook was shot to death.

Mr. Depew's Birthday Observed.—Brooklyn, N. Y., April 18.—A dinner was given by the Monarch Club in this city tonight in honor of Hon. Chauncey M. Depew's birthday. A large number of distinguished persons were present. After an address by the chairman, Mr. Depew was introduced and was enthusiastically received.

Quay Slightly in the Lead.—Meadville, Pa., April 18.—Official returns from thirty out of sixty-one precincts in Crawford county give the Quay delegates to the national convention a slight lead. This includes their strong hold, Titusville, which went solidly Quay, giving him about 600 majority. The country districts have cut this down to less than 200.

Caricature Provokes a Duel.—London, April 18.—A Paris dispatch to the Observer says that Leon Daudet, the son of Alphonse Daudet, the novelist and playwright, has challenged an artist named Steinlein to fight a duel in consequence of a caricature recently published in the Echo de Paris.

No New Trial for Marzen.—Chicago, April 18.—Judge Smith today refused to grant a new trial to Nic Marzen, found guilty of the murder of Fritz Hollender, January 18, 1895, and sentenced the prisoner to be hanged on May 15.

Three Wharf Boats Burned.—Evanston, Ind., April 18.—Three wharf boats, the steamer Alex. Berry and tug Norton just burned today. The loss is about \$30,000, partially insured.

Ivy Inst. Bus. College, 8th and K. Teachers any one subject of its course at \$1 a month.

RACING! RACING! Under Jockey Club Jurisdiction, Benning Race Course Continues Daily Until May 2. At Least Five Races Each Day. Special trains at 2:00 and 2:30 on Baltimore and Potomac Railroad. Cars reserved for ladies. Racing Begins at 3:15. Admission, Grand Stand \$1.00. Club House and Paddock \$2.00. BEN HELLEN, S. S. HOWLAND, Secretary, President.