

IRISH NATIONAL MOVEMENT

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The Irish national movement has once again advanced to a front place in the political life of the British empire. Not for many years have the vast majority of the Irish people been so thoroughly united in the home rule cause and so admirably represented in the House of Commons as they are now.

After that event, and indeed after the division in the Irish party which preceded it, the cause of home rule appeared for a time to be in a languishing and discredited condition. The national representation of Ireland in Parliament was divided into two parties, one by far the larger in numbers and the other, although numerically very small, yet strong in the intensity of its emotions, and what seemed to be its utterly irreconcilable attitude.

The sudden and complete revival of the United National movement is, however, really due in the first instance to the patriotic energy and fervor of one Irishman, William O'Brien. This man, who had been imprisoned more than once in Ireland for delivering speeches against the existing government and against some acts of legislation which any Englishman might have delivered in England and any American might have spoken in Washington, had won a reputation even in the hostile House of Commons for sincerity, for unselfish devotion to his cause and for thrilling eloquence.

The National league became a complete success, and is now thoroughly established all over the country. O'Brien's health, however, completely broke down under the strain and pressure of the great task he had undertaken, and his country has for a long time had to dispense with his services in the House of Commons, in order that he might, as far as possible, recruit his physical energies by travel and by intervals of complete rest.



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Depew on Love's Ages

Hon. Chauncey Mitchell Depew, the distinguished junior senator from New York state, is overflowing with happiness and geniality these days. A bridegroom of four months, the halo of his honeymoon is radiant with bubbling joy which "age does not wither nor custom stale." In a burst of joyous confidence Mr. Depew revealed to Kate Carew, correspondent of the New York World, the secret of love's young dream at the autumn of life, and dropped a few pertinent remarks on match-making. Coming from one of his years and experience, his views have the stamp of patriarchal wisdom and will prove cheering and soothing to people troubled that way.

"Has remarriage made you more of an optimist than ever?" the correspondent asked. "Indeed it has!" he replied, with the confident air which suits so well upon him. "Never did I view the world through such rose-colored spectacles as now."

"You would recommend marriage as a cure for the blues, then?" "No, I don't!" said Senator Depew, with abruptness. "It is a melancholy fact, but a young man laboring under serious limitations, in that respect. To appreciate a charming woman—a mature woman, a woman of intellect and sensibility, whose character is formed and whose heart is ruled by the million delicate emotions and impulses which are at once the strength and weakness of her sex—to appreciate such a woman demands experience."

Coronation Jewels

Though King Edward will drag a prodigious train of almost eighteen-karat spurs gold at his heels and his queen will perambulate the famous abbey under a gilt canopy carried by four important duchesses, it is the jewels, royal and individual, that will make for the greatest splendor of the forthcoming coronation.

Queen Alexandra frankly adores precious stones and King Edward has an extensive knowledge of good gems. Between them they will display on coronation day some magnificent antique and modern specimens, and to help the glitter and the glory of the occasion the queen has asked the peeresses to wear their tiaras. The result will undoubtedly be dazzling, for during the past three centuries rich English families, taking advantage of the troubles of their continental neighbors, have bought fine jewelry and now own the most abundant treasures of this sort of any of the nobility of Europe.

For her own part the queen of England loves pearls best of all gems and her robes of state are to be imported and fastened with ropes of pearls. These are her chief pride and pleasure, because some of them are said to have belonged to Mary, queen of Scotland. They were given her by her husband, King Francis, who had them from his mother, Catharine de Medicis.

The finest of the jewels collected by the four Georges and William IV have been put into her crown, which is to be made only of these stones with the Kohinoor in the center. The remainder are really sufficiently abundant to serve as spangles for

Trite Remarks of the Senatorial Bridegroom.

Depew from really a great deal of experience. "The only real happiness comes through from sentiment. He does not cease to be fond of his wife, but he allows her to become his helmsman in practical affairs—and if she is the kind of woman I am thinking of, she works like a little Trojan and proves invaluable as a business partner."

That in all very fine for him, and perhaps even she—poor little soul—does not realize what has happened, but what has become of the romance, the sentiment without which a woman's heart starves to death? Oh, they are still fond of each other, of course, and their lives are perfectly harmonious, but—it is very sad, very sad!"

Senator Depew shook his head with an air of real melancholy and then, catching himself in the act, burst into a peal of laughter. "In course of time let us suppose she dies," he resumed, cheerfully. "The man feels terribly bad about it. He thinks that all the sentiment has gone out of his life—not realizing how much he has done to drive it out. He recalls what a good wife she has always been to him, he pays her the tribute of feeling lonely and unhappy, and—well, before long he is so desolate that he is actually compelled to marry again!"

Gems Rich and Rare in Great Abundance.

Many of the nobility of England, however, have collections of precious stones that equal if not surpass the crown jewels, and at the coronation the best in their caskets will come forth. The duchess of Bedford owns the biggest bronze diamond in the world; this is being set at present in a tiara. The duke of Hamilton, who can't afford to keep the acres of his paternal tree in repair, and who consequently seeks, as a rule, safer and more comfortable shelter elsewhere, owns diamonds of such size and such numbers that the Duke of Devonshire has lately married count actually afford to have an entire high neck and long sleeved waist covered with them.

His mother, in a shabby black gown, used to attend the opera with a four-inch wide belt of diamonds about her ample waist, and every diamond in the belt was fit to set as a solitaire.

The finest diamond necklace, made of the greatest number of stones of an imperial size, will be displayed by the Princess Roteschild. It is very nearly equals her chest and shoulders adorned with a low-cut evening dress, and the apparent weight and discomfort incurred in its wearing recalls the story of the first diamond necklace of which we have any record. It was given to that famous beauty, Agnes Sorel, by her lover, King Charles VII of France. Her rival, Agnes complained that the weight and sharp points of the stones chafed the tender flesh of her neck, whereupon the king coined that smart epigram, "Il faut souffrir pour être belle," meaning, you must suffer in order to be beautiful.

One of the women who will show marvelously and, saving for the Russian crown jewels, incomparable emeralds, is the Prin-

cess Dulong Sling. She is an English girl, wedded to the dusky East Indian prince, who was educated in England, gives his allegiance to the crown and inherited from his father a sumptuous collection of jewels. All the emeralds of the collection he gave his wife, in the form of a great collar, which falls like a bertha around her shoulders, in a coronet, bracelets, a griddle and a throat band. These with brooches, bracelets and rings of emeralds, she will undoubtedly display at the coronation.

from men like John Dillon whom a short time before he might have regarded as personal opponents. Since the general election the Irish party has held the reins of government, and has succeeded in carrying out a more powerful influence in the House of Commons. Owing to the late differences and disputes in the English liberal party, the Irish national cause has lost some of the support on which it might once have counted.

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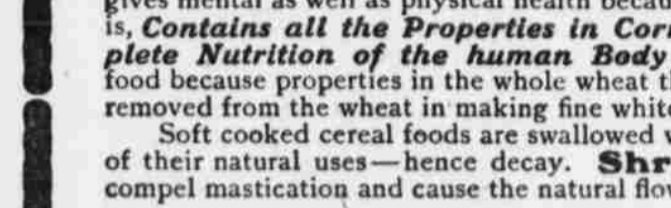
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