

IRISH POTATO BLIGHT

Failure of Crops a Disaster in Thickly Populated Districts of Island.

TWO CAUSES PRODUCE TUBER DISEASE

Spores Not Alone to Blame for Damage to the Vegetable.

HOPE FOR HOME RULE IS GROWING BRIGHT

Great Forward Step Expected from Next Session of Parliament.

WILLIAM O'BRIEN U-GES CAUTION

Hopes that Proposed Government Will Not Be Condemned Until It Has Been Carefully Considered.

DUBLIN, Sept. 15.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—Americans having friends and relatives in Ireland are naturally deeply interested in the accounts of the potato blight.

Probably the best reports are those made by the correspondents of the Farmers' Gazette. And it is significant to note that the latest accounts published by that paper are decidedly disheartening. In the poor, overtaxed land in the congested districts especially the failure has been disastrous. There is a new theory of the disease, which indicates that even spraying, though a valuable preventive, cannot be looked upon as a wholly effective remedy to the disease. Hitherto it was believed that "spores" were solely responsible, but Mr. Massee of Kew, a very high authority on the subject, has discovered that epidemics of the disease are due to a "hibernating mycelium" in the tuber, which, in certain damp, but muggy weather, infects not merely the plant itself, but the whole crop. From this discovery, it is plain that spraying, which deals only with the spores, or the danger of spores on the stalks, cannot affect the development of the seed of the disease in the tuber. The selection of clean, healthy seed is a precaution as essential as the spraying. But, even then, there is no assurance that the disease may not, in one form or another, remain latent in the soil, especially in those exhausted patches which year after year have been given over to potato crop. Properly sown, properly cultivated, are essential before the plague of blight can be thoroughly exterminated from stalk and tuber.

Hope for Home Rule.

The greatest interest is being taken here in an article which recently appeared in the Paris Temps, in which reference is made at length to the speech made at a banquet in Dublin recently by Sir A. MacDonnell, in which the permanent under-secretary for Ireland expressed the firm belief that the next session of Parliament would see the fruition of many of those hopes which the best Irishmen had for years entertained. The Temps says: "Sir Anthony MacDonnell's speech is as unimpeachable as is the authority of his information. The great and good news which he has brought to us is that the government is now in a position to place in record as it marks an epoch in the history of the island. The direction of autonomy is being prepared. The measure was certainly a by-product of the late Mr. Brien's speech, but it will have no difficulty in gaining the scope of the promised reform. What Mr. Bryce will propose is not an administrative home rule, and particularly the control of Irish finances. Even this is a great step. The chief clerk of the department, who had seen the minister coming, was going to awake the man when Mr. Clemenceau stopped him, saying, 'Don't wake him, he has been nearly half an hour already, and if we disturb him he will go.' In one of the public offices a large cistern had been turned into a swimming bath for the recreation of the attaches during the many hours of leisure—a fact which was discovered by the minister by accident. One young man nearly drowned himself, and his frightened colleagues were rushing for a doctor when they met Mr. Clemenceau in one of the passages.

ONE EXILE TO BE RELEASED

Sultan of Comoro Islands Will Be Permitted to Return to Former Home.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—The four royal exiles who were very comfortable at Algiers, and the king of Dahomey is quite contented at Biddah. Indeed, he would think twice before wishing to go back to Dahomey, for his life is hardly in safe in his hands his subjects.

MICROBE OF WHOOPING COUGH

Belgian Savant Discovers Germ Once Thought to Be Found by Others.

ANTWERP, Sept. 15.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—Dr. Gougeon, of the Belgian Royal Medical Academy, after careful research, reports the discovery of the whooping cough microbe. It is said to resemble influenza microbe, which at one time was considered by Doctors Jochemann and Krauss to be the real microbe of whooping cough.

ALCUTTA NATIVES EXCITED

Reported Kidnaping of Native Children Causes Anxious People to Be Assuaged.

CALCUTTA, Sept. 15.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—Great excitement reigns in Northern Calcutta, owing to the reported kidnaping of native youths.

CHINESE EXCITED BY PAPERS

Pictures of Alleged Abuses of Authorities in South Africa May Be Troublesome.

CHINA STILL WAITING

Celestial Kingdom Shows Little Disposition to Solve Its Own House Problem.

LAYS ORDERS REGARDING MANCHURIA

Goods Are Now Smuggled Across Border from Russia and Japan.

PRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR AT PEKING

Japan Desires to Have Matters Placed on Sound Basis.

TREATY WITH AMERICA NOT ENFORCED

Oriental Diplomacy Responsible for Inability of Japan to Permit "Equality of Opportunity" in Manchurians.

HELPED TO LAY FIRST CABLE

Captain Henry Augustus Moriarty of British Navy Dies in London.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—An interesting though sad echo of "The Cyclops" had the cable" occurs in connection with the death of Captain Henry Augustus Moriarty, C. B. Many incidents are given in connection with the checked story of the early attempts made to establish telegraphic communication between England and the United States.

CLEMENCEAU AFTER SINECURES

French Minister Has Amusing Experiences While Looking for Men Needlessly Employed.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—Many stories are being told of the amusing remarks made by M. Clemenceau, the minister of the interior, on his discovery of the many sinecurists whom he intends to dismiss from the government service when his Carthage holiday is over.

WATT TO RECEIVE CLEMENCY

Former Member of Parliament to Be Released After Year in Prison.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—Mr. Gladstone, the home secretary, has decided to release after one year's imprisonment Mr. Hugh Watt, ex-member of Parliament, who on December 11 last was sentenced, after a famous trial, to five years' imprisonment for inciting certain persons to murder his first wife, Mrs. Julia Watt, from whom he was divorced.

REPORT ON PLAGUE IN INDIA

Over Three Hundred Thousand People Died in United Provinces Last Year.

LAHORE, Sept. 15.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—The report on the plague in the United Provinces in 1905, which has just been published by Mr. Horatio Woodroffe, shows that entire districts have been swept and that over 300,000 people died from its effects. The Muttra district, which was the worst, had 6,694 deaths, as against 4,185 in 1904. "The scourge paralyzed the people," is the collector's graphic description.

FIGHTING THE OPIUM HABIT

British Missionaries at Hong Kong Would Check Traffic in the Drug.

HONG KONG, Sept. 15.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—The British missionaries have petitioned the governor to appoint a commission to ascertain the best methods of checking, and if possible abolishing, the use of opium, at the same time asking his excellency to direct that instruction be given in the public schools respecting the evil and debasing results of the opium habit. The governor has promised to give the petition careful consideration.

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THE BEE BULLETIN.

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Sunday. Except Showers in Southwest Portion. Monday Fair.

NEW SECTION—Twelve Pages.

- 1 Bright Irish Pointers.
2 China is Still Waiting. Results.
3 Chicago Wins a Legal Battle.
4 Cuban Desire Intervention.
5 Bryan Speaks in Virginia.
6 Trepoer Dies Suddenly.
7 News from All Parts of Nebraska.
8 Commission Decides Cotton Case.
9 Big Plans for Ak-Sar-Ben Times.
10 Sticker's Views on New Rate Law.
11 Edwin Irvine a Popular Girl.
12 Editor Takes Over Father's Home.
13 Past Week in Omaha Society.
14 Woman in Club and Charity.
15 Shaw Makes Reply to Bryan.
16 Sporting Events of the Day.
17 Cornhusker Squad Now in Practice.
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19 Alaskan Steamer is on the Rocks.
20 Prize List of Omaha Horse Show.
21 Council Bluffs and Iowa News.
22 Prof. Kato Has His Troubles.
23 Death is Charged Up to Boys.

EDITORIAL SECTION—Ten Pages.

- 2 Editorial.
3 Timely Real Estate Topics.
4 Rebuilding of San Francisco.
5 Conveniences in Modern Kitchens.
6 Cement Now Being Generally Used.
7 Want Ads.
8 Want Ads.
9 Want Ads.
10 Jetter Sells Big Tract of Land.
11 Financial and Commercial.
12 Financial and Commercial.

HALF-TONE SECTION—Ten Pages.

- 1 Bryan on the Russian Duma.
2 Wednesdays Trip Through Greece.
3 Gossp of Plays and Players.
4 Musical and Musical Matters.
5 German Veterans at Reunion.
6 Krugs' Golden Wedding Anniversary.
7 James J. Hill and His Railroads.
8 Revolution in Local Dry Goods.
9 Making Over of an Old House.
10 New Lengths for Women's Skirts.
11 Social Unrest of Italian People.
12 New "Black Pope" is Elected.
13 In the Field of Electricity.
14 When Love Acts Queerly.
15 Weekly Grid of Sporting Events.
16 Stories Told of Little Folks.

COLOR SECTION—Four Pages.

- 1 Beer Rabbit Works a Gold Mine.
2 Scientists Say We Are All Crazy.
3 Making Over of an Old House.
4 New Lengths for Women's Skirts.
5 Mary and Little Lamb Up to Date.
6 Bab, He Always Gets the Blame.

TEMPERATURE AT OMAHA YESTERDAY.

Table with columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg.
5 a.m. 68 1 p.m. 82
6 a.m. 68 2 p.m. 85
7 a.m. 68 3 p.m. 88
8 a.m. 71 4 p.m. 87
9 a.m. 75 5 p.m. 87
10 a.m. 74 6 p.m. 85
11 a.m. 74 7 p.m. 85
12 m. 80

COLORADO SLATE UNBROKEN

Republican Convention in Centennial State Completes Its Ticket and Adjourns.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 15.—The republican state convention completed its work today and adjourned sine die. The ticket named was chosen by the leaders and an unavailing effort was made to break the slate in several places. A notable instance was the choice of Chief Justice William H. Gabbert for renomination for a place on the supreme court bench. His opponents charged that he was not a republican, but an avowed democrat, and his supporters replied with the argument that he was "bigger than the republican party," being an American who believed in upholding the law and maintaining order. The full ticket follows:

- Governor—Phillip B. Stewart, El Paso county.
Lieutenant Governor—E. R. Harper, Gunnison county.
Secretary of State—Timothy O'Connor, Boulder county.
State Auditor—George D. Statler, Weld county.
Attorney General—William H. Dickson, Denver county.
Superintendent of Public Instruction—Miss Katherine L. Craig, Jefferson county.
State University Regents—Charles R. Dudley, Denver county, and James C. Bell, LaS Animas county.
Justices of the Supreme Court—William H. Gabbert, San Miguel county, and Charles F. Crowl, Mesa county.
Congressman-at-Large—George W. Cook, Denver county.

THREE DROWN ON LAUNCH

Boat with Disabled Engines Drifts All Night and Tug Rescues Aids.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Three persons, two women and a man, were drowned in the lower bay early today when the launch LaSausage, which had drifted helplessly all night with disabled engines, collided with the second scow of a tow in charge of a tug which had been appealed to for aid, but refused to stop. There were eight persons in the launch at the time, but four of them, three men and one woman, were rescued by a passing craft soon after the accident.

WINT FAVORS THE CANTREEN

General Stationed at Omaha Says that Old System Worked for Morality.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Brigadier General Theodore J. Wint, commanding the Department of the Missouri, has reported to the War department that, in his opinion, the cantreen should be restored at army posts. He says: "The demoralizing influence of the reports surrounding posts cannot be too strongly emphasized, giving rise as it does to a large proportion of the most serious offenses and practically all those with chargeable in a great measure, in the opinion of the judge advocate, to the prohibition placed upon the post exchange."

GLAD HAND EXTENDED

Cuban Officials Are Ready to Welcome American Soldiers.

INTERVENTION WILL BE WELCOMED

Havana Citizens See in it Only Guaranty of Permanent Peace.

SPECULATION AS TO PROBABLE METHODS

Relief that Some Form of Permanent Control is Necessary.

VETERANS VOICE ONLY OBJECTION HEARD

Permanent Settlement of Trouble Greatest Desire on Part of People of Island, Regardless of Methods.

BULLETIN.

HAVANA, Sept. 15.—The American cruiser Des Moines arrived here this morning. All on board are well.

TACOMA, Sept. 15.—General Frederick Funston has been ordered to Washington without delay. The order is supposed to be in connection with the situation in Cuba.

HAVANA, Sept. 15.—President Roosevelt's declaration that it is imperative that hostilities cease and arrangements be made to secure the permanent pacification of Cuba, is re-echoed enthusiastically on all sides. Everybody is gratified at this clear declaration, and the fact that Secretary Taft and Acting Secretary of State Bacon are to be sent to Cuba on a serious occasion. A few of the leaders of the moderates are of the opinion that Secretary Taft will settle the matter within one week on some basis of division of offices, etc., but to get the rebels to agree to anything which shall include the retention of President Palma's administration is a serious occurrence.

All speculation up to the present time leads toward the discussion of some form of permanent American control or guarantee of peace and order as the only true solution of the difficulty.

A correspondent of the Associated Press, who has just returned from the front in Pinar del Rio province, where he visited both the insurgents and government troops, reports that almost all that region sympathizes with the rebels, but not to the extent of handing the reins of government to them. The almost universal consensus of opinion throughout the island is for American intervention, and it is believed that the country will never see settled conditions in any other way. The same sentiment prevails among the rank and file of the government troops.

Letter Creates Interest.

The letter of President Roosevelt to General Quesada, the Cuban minister, in the great topic of the day among Cubans and foreigners alike. Far from considering his references to American intervention as something to be dreaded, it is almost universally regarded as the most desirable consummation possible of the Cuban struggle. The persons who do not agree with this view, but they are very rare. All the business interests are anxious for intervention and even the politicians admit that this would be the best outcome. The Associated Press correspondent has information that some of the Cuban officials who were sent to President Palma privately welcome the idea and that the president himself desires protection, though not permanent intervention.

The general opinion among Cuban business men today is that intervention is the most desirable thing which can be suggested and their only fear is that it may be only temporary. There is a somewhat marked feeling of disappointment among the veterans that intervention is possible or imminent. The veterans, for sentimental reasons, would prefer to see Cuba maintain its sovereignty in even a small degree. This feeling, however, is offset by the universal desire for a permanent settlement of the trouble and for a government which can be relied on to preserve peace and order.

Government Wins Victory.

Government forces have won a victory over the rebels at a point close to Havana. General Rodriguez, with 400 rural guards, attacked the rebels under General Del Castillo and Colonels Asbert and Acosta, 1,000 strong, at Ajawa, twelve miles south of Havana. After a stubborn fight the rebels were dispersed. Eight of their number were killed and twenty-three were wounded. Of the guardsmen one was killed and thirteen were wounded. General Rodriguez returned to Havana this morning. There is considerable speculation as to why the enemy was not pursued.

Heavy fighting is reported near El Cana, ten miles southwest of Havana. No details have yet been received.

A force of rebels yesterday destroyed two stone bridges over a highway near Cabanas.

The commander of the Crespedes, a coast guard vessel, has been arrested for negligence in allowing ammunition for the revolutionists to be landed near Rio.

Santiago is Excited.

Eduardo Chibas, a prominent president of Santiago, said to the Associated Press today: "The entire province of Santiago will burst into revolt unless the United States intervenes immediately. There must be a protectorate or there will be no permanent peace in Cuba."

The revolutionists attacked the town of San Domingo, in Santa Clara province, at 5 o'clock this morning, but were repulsed by the garrison of militiamen and national guards. One rural guard, two militiamen and three of the revolutionists were killed. Five rural guards and one militiaman were wounded. One of the insurgents who was killed was Colonel Mateo. The government troops captured two prisoners and six horses.

Force at Cienfuegos.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Secretary Taft and Acting Secretary Bacon were expected to arrive from Oyster Bay today. Secretary Bonaparte will not be here until Monday and the affairs of the Navy department are in charge of Admiral Converse, who is acting secretary. No definite arrangements have been made regarding the naval vessel which will take Secretary Taft and Mr. Bacon to Havana from Key West.

A cable dispatch was received from Cienfuegos today announcing the arrival of the Maricela, at that place yesterday. Late in the afternoon from Commander Fullana of the Maricela stated that a force had been landed from the ship at Cienfuegos to protect sugar plantations, which were threatened.

A telegram also was received today from Mr. J. J. Conroy, secretary of state, Cienfuegos, announcing that insurance