

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 treaty, but it has followed the Irish question and 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.

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CHINESE EXCITED BY PAPERS

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

PEKING, Sept. 15.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—Copies of Chinese illustrated newspapers containing cartoons and pictures of the Rand being so refined forms of torture are circulated. These cartoons are calculated to damage in a very serious manner the relations of the Chinese against foreigners through their own papers.

They are taken for a part from the discredited book, "The Drilling on the Rand," of which the anti-British London newspapers made much capital, and which was afterwards shown to have been illustrated with pictures for which coolies were paid to pose as if they were being beaten by English mine managers.

The cartoons are supplemented by statements taken from London journals giving what purport to be accurate accounts of the torture of Chinamen. In one case these statements are described as being vouched for by "Prof. Clifford," a Chinese editor apparently having a hallucination that this is a hall mark of truth.

The cartoons show Chinamen hung by the hands to beams. Others depict them huddled up in corners and being beaten with the "cat." In the present inflamed state of feeling in China, when the safety of Europeans and Americans hangs on a very slender thread, these pictures are having a dangerous effect on the uneducated readers who see them. These have never had any means of learning the actual conditions under which the coolies work in South Africa.

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" laid 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.

The deceased represented the Admiralty in the 1847-48 venture, and also on board the Great Eastern in 1850-56, as navigator. When the cable parted in midocean he instantly took the most careful bearings of the ship's position, bearings which in 1856 proved of the utmost utility. So confident was he of their accuracy that, on September 3, the vessel reached a certain point, he declared that the ship was "over the spot." Almost simultaneously, it is stated, one of the Great Eastern officers shouted, "We've hooked it. You said we ought to, Captain Moriarty, and we have." For his services in connection with the laying of the late Cyrus W. Field the captain was decorated with the C. B.

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.

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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 Manchur Provinces.

TOKIO, Sept. 15.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—Though Japan declared the port of Dally open to foreign nations on September 1, this step does not go far toward a solution of the vexed problem of the opening of Manchuria. The situation affords a fine field for the secular gifts of Chinese diplomacy. Skill and patience will be required to unravel it. Mr. Hayashi, the Japanese minister in Peking, is in charge of the negotiations for Japan, but it will probably be a considerable time before all nations enjoy "equality of opportunity" throughout these Chinese provinces. China takes up its customary attitude. The establishment of customs stations at Dally and Antung and at the points in north Manchuria, where the Russian railway crosses the frontier is, it maintains, its business alone; it cannot be expected to argue, and it may not be expected to yield, in a case where the terms are unfavorable to itself, and, after all, there is no hurry. Accordingly it has not made any serious attempt even to begin the discussion of the subject with Russia. It wants first to come to an agreement with Japan, while Japan arrangements are made to come to this matter with Russia and with itself ought to be simultaneous.

Dally's Opening Helps.

The opening of Dally may perhaps assist in coming to a conclusion. There does not seem to be much doubt that a good deal of Japanese merchandise which has come into the leased territory through Dally has found its way across the border into Manchuria. If foreign goods are landed in any considerable quantities, it would not be surprising should some of them, which have been consigned to the leased territory and have thus enjoyed the privileges of the railway, actually be sent back into the Chinese possessions. China can prevent the danger of such leakage by giving Japan at Dally the position in this respect which to its own great advantage, it has given Germany at Kiaochow. Japan would then control the railway and pay the balance over to it, after deducting 20 per cent for the cost of collection. But China objects that under such an arrangement the customs staff would be Japanese, and it wants them to be Chinese—a scheme which all the powers would disapprove.

In North Manchuria.

The situation in North Manchuria is substantially the same as in the Liau Tung peninsula. The Russians are in military occupation there and Russian goods are able to come in by the railway duty free. The loss of revenue which this state of things involves does not seem to trouble the government, and the Chinese are substantially the same as in the Liau Tung peninsula. The Russians are in military occupation there and Russian goods are able to come in by the railway duty free.

As to Antung.

China seems also to be holding back about the establishment of a customs station at the port of Antung, which is nominally open under the treaty of October 3, 1905, between it and the United States. Japan is still in military possession of Antung, and the large use which the Japanese military authorities have made of their powers, by the compulsory acquisition of the river frontages and other desirable sites. They are, however, ready to provide a suitable place for a customs station, but the Chinese seem to imagine that, by delays which are daily costing them revenues, they can induce Japan to surrender a good deal of the land which it has taken over. The entire problem of trade with Manchuria over the Korean frontier is at present complicated, as so many of these Manchurian questions are, by the past dealings of Russia with China.

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 issued 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.

It is believed that the rat flea is chiefly responsible for the spread of the plague, and war has been waged against rats. Here is the rat's death record: Bareilly, 25,196 rats killed; Allahabad, 7,885 rats killed; Badamun, 6,261 rats killed; Agra, 9,713 rats killed.

MOZART'S VIOLIN IS FOUND

Instrument Supposed to Be in England is Discovered in Austrian Town.

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

NEWS SECTION—Twelve Pages. 1 Bright Irish Points Crop. China is Still Waiting Results. Chicago Wins a Legal Battle. Cuban Desire Intervention. Bryan Speaks in Virginia. Treppoff Dies Suddenly. News from All Parts of Nebraska. Commission Decides Cotton Case. Big Plans for Ak-Sar-Ben Times. Stikney's Views on New Rate Law. Edna Takes Over Father's Home. Past Week in Omaha Society. Woman in Club and Charity. Shaw Makes Reply to Bryan. Sporting Events of the Day. Cornhusker Squad Now in Practice. Cornhusker Squad Now in Practice. Alaskan Steamer is on the Rocks. Prize List of Omaha Horse Show. Council Bluffs and Iowa News. Prof. Kato Has His Troubles. Death is Charged Up to Boys.

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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. Krugs' Golden Wedding Anniversary. 6 James J. Hill and His Railroads. Revolution in Local Dry Goods. 7 Social Unrest of Italian People. New "Black Pope" is Elected. 8 In the Field of Electricity. 9 When Love Acts Queerly. 10 Weekly Grid of Sporting Events. 10 Stories Told of Little Folks.

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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. 4 Mary and Little Lamb Up to Date. 5 Bab, He Always Gets the Blame.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

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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. Frank, Mesa county. Congressman-at-Large—George W. Cook, Denver county.

THREE DROWN ON LAUNCH

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

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Three persons, two women and a man, were drowned in the lower bay early today when the naupha launch Sausage, 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 CANTEEN

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 canteen should be restored at army posts. He says: "The demoralizing influence of the resorts 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, the condition of the posts is a direct result of the prohibition placed upon the post exchange."

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