

ANTI-SWEATING BILL

Irish Industries Likely to Be Injured by This Measure.

COUNTRY WORKERS TO SLUMS

Absurdity of Allowing Englishmen to Legislate for Ireland Shown.

WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE AFFECTED

War Office Seeks to Make Irish Boards Recruiting Agencies.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DEPRESSION

Most of Councils Recent Move and Declare Not More Militaristic, but Revival of Industries Is Needed.

DUBLIN, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—How absurd it is for an English Parliament to legislate for Ireland is shown by the situation which has just arisen in consequence of the proposal to apply the provisions of the "anti-sweating bill" now before Parliament, to Ireland. It absolutely prohibits what is known as "sweating" in any industry in the United Kingdom, an excellent one for England, where home work in the slums of the English cities is simply an excuse for sweating.

Very different conditions prevail, however, in Ireland, and particularly in the northwest counties, where the potato industry is the mainstay. The application of the bill becomes a law in its present form. It is estimated that in the city and county of Derry and the neighboring counties of Tyrone and Donegal there are from 20,000 to 30,000 women and girls engaged as "out-workers" in the shirt and undie-making work in "sprigging" handkerchiefs. These women are chiefly farmers' wives and daughters and they work in the country under the most healthful conditions. They receive fairly good prices for their work, and they are not wholly dependent upon it, but the money which they earn in addition to the family income and often means the difference between keeping the family together at home and sending the daughters out to serve or to work in the town factories.

Women Take Big Risk.

If this bill passes the women and girls will be forced to emigrate or will be forced into the factories and exposed to all the dangers and degradations of slum life. The manufacturers who have built up vast businesses which give employment to thousands of people will be forced to recognize their work from top to bottom and the public will probably have to pay more for its goods, while the workers will really be worse off than they were before.

Nearly every public body in the north of Ireland has passed resolutions denouncing the bill, but no notice is taken, of course, by the English legislators who know nothing and care less about the conditions in Ireland.

With its usual genius for doing the wrong thing, the British War office is taking advantage of the trade depression to try and secure Irish recruits for the British army. During the last week or two the local authorities have received copies of a circular from the war office asking them to send unemployed men who apply to the public authorities for work or relief to the nearest recruiting station. Most of the councils have promptly refused the offer, and to turn them down they have passed a resolution drawn up by the Cork City council to the effect that what is needed is an industrial revival and not an increase of militarism. Incidentally it is mentioned that extensive recruits at the Cork barracks were carried out recently by the military police, and that the military police have always been the custom before, thus the British army authorities are depriving men of work in order that they may be forced to enlist.

Irish Ghost Appears.

The ghost of an Irish giant, nine feet high, has been seen by the inhabitants of Glanville, a little village near Galway, and the people of Galway city have been trying to lay it. A few nights ago a couple of young men were returning to their home in Galway from a party at Newcastle, at which it is said there were "spirits" of a different kind. One of the party was a man about nine feet tall advancing towards them along the railway line. They shouted and the apparition vanished, but reappeared a few minutes later about forty yards down the line, and they last saw it making off in the direction of Lough Corrib.

The young men brought the story into Galway and the next night a strong party, armed with shot-guns and revolvers, and otherwise fortified, started for Glanville. They had not been long in waiting when the ghost appeared and one of the party raised a revolver to fire at it. He never fired the shot, however, for the apparition fell from his hand and he fell unconscious in the arms of his companions. The ghost, the others declared, laughed loudly and started for Lough Corrib again. There was no more ghost hunting that night.

The young man who tried to shoot it was carried into a hospital, but he never recovered. He was laid out in a coffin and worked over him for nine hours before restoring him to consciousness. The man then said that something seemed to paralyze his arm as he was about to fire. Other parties have gone out nightly, but have failed to meet the ghost again.

Roosevelt, County Roscommon. Oliver Goldsmith's "Deserted Village" has been brought to the attention of Parliament by Mr. James O'Kelly, M. P., who asked Mr. Birrell if he knew that there was no magistrate in the district and that persons who require the services of a magistrate have to travel seven miles from the nearest house to the nearest justice of the peace. Mr. O'Kelly also stated that cases in the district had been undisturbed for months because there was no magistrate who, with the resident magistrate, would conduct a petty sessions court. Mr. Birrell replied that the local magistrate was considering the appointment of a magistrate for Roskealy.

The Danagadee (County Down) sea serpent, to which I referred some weeks ago, has at last been captured and is on exhibition at Belfast. It turns out to be a huge monster not about seven feet long and two feet in circumference at the thickest part. It was captured by William Davidson, a fisherman, after it had nearly destroyed his nets, and it is said to be the largest specimen of the eel family ever captured in the north of Ireland.

An interesting question regarding the

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

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THE WEATHER. FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICINITY—Snow Sunday. FOR NEBRASKA—Snow and colder Sunday.

Table with columns for Hour, Deg. and other weather-related data.

DOMESTIC.

J. U. Sammis of Sioux City is a candidate for grand exalted ruler of the Order of Elks of the United States.

Four people were killed in a brutal manner near Trinidad, Colo.

The bureau of ordinance and health has reported the purchase of airships and wireless telephones.

President-elect Taft yesterday sent a message to the Mining congress, emphasizing the importance of their work.

The cruiser Yankee, which was wrecked on Spindle Rock, sunk as soon as it was taken off the rock by wreckers.

Rear Admiral Coghlan died suddenly yesterday at New Rochelle.

A conference of New York republicans was held yesterday, at which it was decided to push Secretary Root for the senatorship and let T. L. Woodruff distribute the patronage.

Ames won the first and Nebraska the second prize at the dairy judging exhibit at the Chicago show.

The Arkansas river at Pine Bluff, Ark., is receding, but the property damage will be high.

The new anti-sweating law in Ireland, passed by the English, throws the poor women and factory workers into slums.

The Hatten army was received at the capital, Port au Prince, with great acclaim.

The Dutch government denies that the parade of warships off the coast of Venezuela partakes of the nature of a blockade.

The Nebraska supreme court yesterday decided that Judge Vinsonhaler is entitled to fees for performing marriage ceremonies while he was county judge.

Convention of supervisors and county clerks meets in Hastings this week.

As a result of Building Inspector Witnell's refusal to issue a permit for a frame structure and thus join the council in violating the law, E. W. Dixon will erect a brick building.

W. Ahern, a friend of Mayor Dahlman, finds stone in a gravel pit at Denver which he says is Chicago jewelry tests as 148,000 diamonds.

Business man in Abo, Finland, writing to Omaha for information on mills, tells the Commercial club to "write and touch me any time."

Kennard and Brunning oppose the sale of the present poor farm property as proposed by the grand jury.

Charles E. Davis, on trial for the alleged murder of Dr. Rustin, reaches the city in his case in the submission of his alibi.

Progress of the Corn show. The 11th page of Omaha society folks during the last week.

Work of the women in club and charity.

Goings of plays, players and playgoers.

Latest news among the local and other musicians.

Activities of the builders and real estate men.

Live stock markets.

Grain markets.

Stocks and bonds.

COMIC SECTION.

Buster Brown in costume of Ajax defies his uncle. Page of reading for little folks. Activities of women in the various walks of life. Pluffy Ruffles sends a burglar on his way minus his booty.

Four Pages.

HALF-TONE SECTION.

Personnel of commission to investigate conditions in which to visit Omaha. New religious cult is born in New York. Negro question a live one among the whites of South Africa. Suggestions of up-to-date jewelry for Christmas. Stories told of prominent people.

Four Pages.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS.

Arrive. Sailed.

BOSTON. Liverpool. Calcutta.

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VICTORIA. Peshawar. Bombay.

VANCOUVER. Peshawar. Bombay.

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