

Political and Social News of the Old World Reported by Special Cable and Correspondence

ENGLAND MAKING WARON GRAFTERS

Crusade Against High Railroad Officials Who Stand Accused of Gross Irregularities.

PRESS, FORUM AND PEOPLE UNITE

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TO CALL DOWN "BRASS COLLARS"

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LABOR FIGHTS OSBORNE DECISION

King and Queen Have Practically Determined to Make a Visit to Ireland Next Year—Renouncement of a Gardener.

BY PAUL LAMBERTH.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—(Special to The Bee.)—Drafting railroad officials are coming in for some hard knocks in the forum, press and business circles.

"Brass Collars" Numerous.

The number of chief officials on these British lines—not reckoning district offices—is over 300. Most of them are highly paid—in scores of cases with the salaries of cabinet ministers.

Have the directors and officials conspired at the top as zealously as at the base?

In Great Britain there are about thirty-five more or less independent companies. On these companies there are no fewer than nearly 600 directorships, a colossal number, wholly unnecessary.

A director in a very expensive luxury.

His fees vary, but are said to be often £50 a year. He wears on his watch-chain a gold badge which enables him to travel first-class on any railway in the land. Some of the directorships are doubtless more valuable than others, but how many of them can be depended on strict commercial grounds?

Salvation for Russia.

The Salvation Army, says General Booth, will soon begin work in Russia providing the czar consents.

Organized Labor Fights.

The trades and labor unions will fight to upset or nullify the so-called Osborne decision rendered by the House of Lords and 300 mass meetings have been arranged with that end in view.

Royalty's Visit to Ireland.

It is practically settled that the king and queen will visit Ireland next year, when it is stated that they will be accompanied by the prince of Wales and Princess Mary.

White House Gardener's Romance.

The old parish church, Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, has been restored through the generosity of a man, who had long been a gardener at the White House grounds, Washington, D. C.

ENTIRE FORTUNE TO ENDOW A BUDAPEST INSTITUTION

Idea is to Render Comfort to Middle Classes Who Through No Fault Fall Into Adversity.

VIENNA, Sept. 24.—(Special to The Bee.)

A considerable sensation has been caused by the announcement that Mr. Eugene Kasel, a Hungarian millionaire, who died recently, has bequeathed the sum of £200,000 for the foundation of an institution at Buda Pesth.

SPLENDID PEARL IS FOUND

Weights Ninety Grains and Its Shape Is Said to Measure Up to the Highest Standard.

SUDANESE, Sept. 24.—According to a western Australian correspondent of the Standard of Empire, a pearl of perfect shape, valued at \$2,000 and weighing ninety grains has been brought into Suva by a peacemaker named Challenger.

IRELAND'S CROPS ARE SHORT

Fear is Expressed that Farmers May Need Help.

TOO MUCH RAIN RUINS POTATOES

Figures from Registrar General's Office Indicate a Big Slump in the Population of the Emerald Isle.

BY THOMAS EMMETT.

DUBLIN, Sept. 24.—(Special to The Bee.)—There is a fear that many people in Ireland will be forced to appeal for help because of their ill luck with crops.

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Abruzzi-Elkins Affair Revives Unwritten Law.

PRINCESSES OFTEN BREAK RULE

Royalty's Marriage System Presents Many Anomalous Incidents—Lord Brassey Finds Carriage Toy at Sea.

BY LADY MARY MANSWORTH.

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