

Political and Social News by Cable and Correspondence from the Old World

DIVORCE GROWS
INGREAT BRITAIN

Sir John Macdonnell Reports the Middle Classes Lead in Seeking Separation.

MOST APPLICANTS ARE WOMEN
One-Third of Divorce Cases from the Working Class.

OLD AGE PENSIONS GO BEGGING
Many Workhouse Inmates Prefer to Stay Where They Are.

NUMBER LEAVING IS VERY SMALL
Earl Fitzwilliam Gives an Extravagant Christening Fete for His Heir, Who Will Have Much Money and Estates.

BY PAUL LAMBETH.
LONDON, March 11.—(Special to The Bee.)—Sir John Macdonnell's latest report on the law courts contains a long analysis of the divorce cases. In 1909, 1,200 petitions were granted, 767 against men, and the divorcee numbers 685 against 572.

In almost one-half of the divorces the marriage has lasted from ten to twenty years, and in about one-third between five and ten years. Petitioners for the most part belong to the middle classes. A small number are engaged in farming, mining or domestic service.

Out of 119 petitions eighty-one were by wives. But among merchant shipmates and seamen, postal employees, civil servants, soldiers and naval seamen and police, the majority of the petitions were presented by husbands. Out of the thirty-five petitions involving actors, musicians and the like twenty-two were by wives.

Workhouses Attractive.
The removal of the pauper disqualification for old age pensions will, apparently, make a difference with many aged inmates of workhouses. From many Irish Poor Law unions reports are being made of the number of inmates who, although otherwise qualified for pensions, prefer to remain in the workhouses rather than attempt to live outside on five shillings a week.

Two Millionaires Dead.
Probate of the will of Sir William Agnew, the famous architect and connoisseur, has been granted in Manchester.

Monster rejoicings of the earl's tenants took place in the park to receive them, where eight great tents were filled with the 7,000 guests invited to the feast.

Aged Paupers Set Up in Home.
A man who is said to be the last of England's old postboys, William Hennes, left the Midway Union workhouse, at the age of 94, to marry Fanny Wadhams, aged 78.

AUSTRALIA WANTS SETTLERS
Three Million Acres to Be Thrown Open, and Poor Settlers Will Be Helped.

BY SYDNEY, March 11.—(Special to The Bee.)—Mr. Vigness, the treasurer of South Australia, speaking in Adelaide, announced that the government is about to throw open 3,000,000 acres of agricultural land.

SISTERS NURSED POPE PIUS
Pontiff Says Old-Fashioned Remedies Saved Him.

WAS TREATED AS IN BOYHOOD
Kaiser Wilhelm Is Expected Soon in Rome and Will Visit Both King Victor and Head of Roman Church.

BY CLEMENT J. BARRETT.
ROME, March 11.—(Special to The Bee.)—The pope's recovery from his recent illness—which, however, was not serious—Pius himself says was due to the careful nursing of his aged sisters, who treated him to old-fashioned remedies such as the family used when he was a boy.

Kaiser Expected Soon.
The Kaiser William of Germany is expected here shortly. He will be the guest of King Victor Emmanuel. He will also visit the pope.

King Peter of Serbia has been received by King Victor Emmanuel. The senate has discussed and rejected the final and final resolution contained in the reform commission's report, and buried the whole scheme which Signor Arcoletto laid before it.

Student Kills Actress.
Paolina Giorgi, who enjoyed much celebrity in certain circles on account of her beauty, made the acquaintance of a young student from Argentina named Carrera, and for a time the pair seemed to be very much in love.

Archbishop for Hindustan.
Archbishop Anselm Kennelley, the Irish Capuchin monk who was recently created Archbishop of Simla, in Hindustan, has left the city for his new field of labor.

Fortune for Philanthropy.
The sum of \$12,000 was recently left by an octogenarian woman named Lisker, who died in the last three years, and who was a Catholic nun.

Hitting the Krupps.
Herr Hise, who represents the Essen constituency, attacked the firm of Krupp. He admitted that the firm's expenditure on "social" institutions was large, but said the profits were enormous.

Teuton Was Best Swordsman and Goaded the Englishman to Desperation.

SIDNEY, March 11.—(Special to The Bee.)—Two Sydney wool buyers, one English and the other German, had a fierce political discussion as the outcome of which a duel was arranged. This took place in a park, the weapons being swords.

Danish Clans Can Change Names
Too Many Hansens, Petersens and Sorensens—Government Solves the Puzzle.

COPENHAGEN, March 11.—(Special to The Bee.)—The Danish government recently found it necessary to grant heads of families the privilege of changing their names if they feel so disposed without incurring any legal costs.

MORE RAILWAYS FOR SWEDEN
Government Decides to Build New Lines to Aid in Development of Country.

STOCKHOLM, March 11.—(Special to The Bee.)—Sweden has decided that additional railroad facilities are necessary for the development of the country.

GERMAN MAIDENS
UTTER THREATS

Berlin Suffragette Springs Original Argument for a Change in the Law.

WILL SEEK CANADIAN HUSBANDS
First Propose to Become Subjects of Great Britain.

HIGH COST OF LIVING IS CITED
This Factor Blamed for Failure of Men to Wed.

COLOSSAL SURPLUS OF FRAULEINS
Smart Young Women Sent to Prison for Three Years for Working on the Credulity of Seekers After Excitement.

BY MALCOLM CLARKE.
BERLIN, March 11.—(Special to The Bee.)—A novelty in the way of suffragette threats is that contained in a letter to the Tagblatt, the writer threatening that German girls will consent to their English cousins for Canadian husbands, owing to Prussia's obsolete franchise system.

The writer, who appears to be a suffragette with keen insight into the political affairs of the nation, says: "I see by the newspapers that Canada is looking for 5,000 brides, and that there are 20,000 eligible bachelors there without suitable female acquaintances. Give us the fullest possible information about conditions in Canada, because we intend going there to find husbands. We do not see why English women should snatch the best catches from under the very noses of us German girls."

Worked the Galibair.
One of the most extraordinary stories that has ever come before a court of law was told in a remarkable blackmail case which has just ended in a fashionable young woman, being sentenced to three years' imprisonment. The prisoner made a living by charity, accompanied by a certain amount of skill in hypnotism and palmistry, with the aid of which she pandered to the cravings for sensation and excitement of a number of the idle rich.

Count Taaffe Dead.
The death of Count John Taaffe, County Louth, a count of the Austrian empire, and formerly an officer of the imperial guard, recalls the famous name of the foreign power, particularly Austria, had had for Irishmen of good family.

Whitely's Trip Inevitable.
It is authoritatively stated that the emperor's coming trip to Corfu is intended to be nothing but a holiday and that there is no question of an official visit to Italy.

Emperor as Farmer.
Many members of the distinguished company which filled the spacious hall of the Prussian Herrenchaus for a setting of the German Agricultural council had expected to hear him, but the gathering had the interesting experience of being presented while their sovereign added yet one more item to the list of diverse roles in which he has appeared before the public.

Normans Disturbed.
While in England nothing has been done so far to stop the work of Mormon missionaries, strenuous measures were taken in Germany last year. There had been a community of Latter-day Saints in this city for years, but it had not been going well.

The Naval Game Again.
A debate has taken place on the navy in the Reichstag. Herr Schrader, a radical, called attention to the misrepresentations with which scare-mongers in Great Britain had fanned the flames of anti-German feeling. All along it has been Britain, and not Germany, which has forced the pace in ship building.

REMINDERS OF ROYAL FLIGHT
Republic of Portugal to Keep the Boats in Which King's Family Escaped.

LEISBON, March 11.—(Special to The Bee.)—Two fishing boats in which the Portuguese royal family reached the yacht in which they escaped to Gibraltar last October, have been offered by the owner to the republican government, and will be placed in a museum at Lisbon.

OPPOSE PAY FOR PARLIAMENT
District Councils Begin to Approve Stand of Nationalists.

WANT ELECTION EXPENSE GIVEN
Dublin Street Boy, Arrested for Trading Without a License, Is Found to Be Heir to Large Fortune in Canada.

BY THOMAS EMMETT.
DUBLIN, March 11.—(Special to The Bee.)—There is a gradually growing opposition to the scheme to pay members of Parliament. The trade council adopted a resolution reiterating the demand made by the Irish Trades congress and all other labor bodies in favor of the payment of election expenses, and emphatically protesting against the suggestion that Ireland should be excluded from the provisions of the bill about to be introduced to give effect to those democratic reforms.

Election Bribery Admitted.
A sensational development in the North Louth petition was the admission of Sergeant Moriarty of bribery at the recent election and his subsequent resignation. The infidel class looked upon him as too lenient with the Catholic church, while the church regarded him as the archbishop of infidelity and a despot.

Wants Wife from Poorhouse.
The novel request to be allowed to accept a wife from among the female inmates of the workhouse was made by an old age pensioner named Thomas Smith, to the guardians at Glenamaddy, Mayo.

Disgusting Innovation.
The latest and most disgusting fashion society fad is the dog visiting card. "Poms" and pugs which go visiting with their mistresses in fashionable circles save their own tiny pastebord cards tucked away in little pockets. Such dogs have two sets of cards, which are left on other dogs' houses where they call with their mistresses. One card gives the dog's name, while the other records its pet name joined to the family name of its owner.

Academy for Women.
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Petty Jealousies of Bourbon Royalties Crop Out in Egypt
Prince of Vindictive Temper Has an Austrian Archduke Ordered Out of a Hotel.

CAIRO, March 11.—(Special to The Bee.)—An amusing story is being related in Anglo-Egyptian circles in reference to the number of foreign royalties now visiting Cairo. It is well known that although the blood ties between members of the Spanish, Bavarian and Austrian reigning houses are close, the personal relations are not quite so friendly.

Surgeon Operates on Himself.
Dr. Alexander Fracon, a young Roumanian surgeon, has been studying a new anesthetic, which leaves the patient lucid, but suppresses all sensibility. Fracon had hernia, and an operation became necessary. He determined to try his new anesthetic and to test its efficacy by operating on himself.

POLICE NAB CABINET OFFICER
Minister of Works in Portugal is Found in a Restaurant After Legal Hours.

LISBON, March 11.—(Special to The Bee.)—Recent regulation made by the Portuguese government ordered that all cafes and restaurants should be closed by 2 o'clock in the morning, and the Lisbon police, learning that certain establishments had transgressed, made a raid recently and arrested all the guests of places which should have been closed. At one restaurant the guests included the minister of public works and several of his friends. They were obliged to go to the police station, but were released after paying a fine. The minister was ignorant of the new rule.

BRIAND HEARTILY
DISLIKED BY ALL

Task Attempted by Former Premier of France Was Impossible of Accomplishment.

ELEMENTS COULD NOT BE FEUSED
Socialists, Infidels and Clericals All Hated Briand.

DOG VISITING CARDS THE LATEST
Fond Lovers of Canine Pets Disgust Decent People.

ACADEMY FOR WOMEN PROPOSED
Rejection of Mrs. Curie by the Academy Inspires Movement to Start One—Wants Pension for Dyspepsia.

BY PAUL VILLIERS.
PARIS, March 11.—(Special to The Bee.)—The retirement of Premier Briand has been expected. His friends have frequently said he has been trying the impossible task of reconciling irreconcilable elements. The socialists, of whom he was one, regarded him as a renegade of his "cause." The infidel class looked upon him as too lenient with the Catholic church, while the church regarded him as the archbishop of infidelity and a despot.

Traveling Theater Proposed.
We are going to have a new theater; an itinerant theater which will travel around the country like a circus, and it will come into existence this coming summer. The company will travel and performances will be given. This theater is to keep the provinces in touch with the plays which up to the present have been performed here. It will have a stage as large as many city theater stages. There will be twenty-five cars to transport the outfit. There will be a homogeneous troupe which will give plays as they always have done in France, without a star. Gemier, who is at the head of the enterprise, intends to include dramatic performances.

Acquainted Dyspepsia Officially.
A councillor of the prefecture, a state official, has applied for his pension on the ground that he is suffering from chronic dyspepsia as a result of fulfilling his duties in attending state banquets. The cabinet, unwilling to associate itself with what would be a grave abuse on a chef, has rejected the dyspeptic official's demand.

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Recuse Telephones in Alps.
Jean Lavelle, a tourist, who has just returned, relates that some time ago he set out to cross the St. Bernard pass by himself and got caught in the fog. He sat on a rock and waited for one of the dogs to come, but in vain, and when the fog cleared away he managed to reach the hospice. "There I was," he said, "for six hours, and not one came near me."

Paris Criminals Use Guns Freely
Police Attempting Arrests Compelled to Face Desperate Resistance Almost Daily.

PARIS, March 11.—(Special to The Bee.)—The use of the revolver by criminals is becoming dangerously common. A miscreant who was recently sentenced to twenty years' servitude fired five shots at the police who were attempting to arrest him, and badly wounded one of them. In the evening a cyclist-policeman was shot as he was going off duty. He pursued and captured his assailant. Since 1910 forty Parisian policemen have been killed in the performance of their duty, four during the last year.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN GIVES UP LIBERALLY
Accompanies Generous Donation by a Word of Advice to Change Methods.

TOKYO, March 11.—(Special to The Bee.)—The emperor has issued a rescript dwelling on the importance of adapting the government's policy to the changed economic conditions. His majesty has given a donation of 1,500,000 yen (\$100,000) for the relief of the poor who are not able to obtain adequate medical treatment.

TOURISTS IN SWISS HOTELS
Census Shows Thousands Reside in Public Hosteries All Year Round.

GENEVA, March 11.—(Special to The Bee.)—The census taken in Switzerland shows that of the languages spoken in the republic, German heads the list with 2,500,000 persons speaking it; French comes next, with 765,000; Italian, with 301,000; and Romansh, with 2,912. All four languages are "official," and may be employed by deputies in the Swiss Parliament.

SCANDAL BREWS
IN CZAR'S DOMAIN

Some of the Highest in the Land Are to Be Connected with Raw Kind of Grafting.

OFFICIAL CIRCLE HONEYCOMBED
Seizure of American Firm's Papers by Stolypin.

GOOD EVIDENCE THUS SECURED
Premier Likely to Hold it as Club Over Enemies.

WANTS TO RUSH HIS REFORMS
Assured the Evidence Secured in the Searches by the Police Proves that the Russian Grafters Outdo Chinese.

BY GEORGE FRASER.
ST. PETERSBURG, March 11.—(Special to The Bee.)—The recent seizure of the papers of a great American manufacturing concern with branches in Russia may result in such a scandal as will shake Russian society to the center.

Rebellious Monk.
The Monk Heliodorus, one of the worst demagogues of the Union of the Russian People, refused to obey the orders of the holy synod transferring him from Tsarskoye, where his conduct has long been a public scandal, and looked himself up with his fanatical followers in the church, taking a solemn vow that he will die of starvation. The synod has sent a bishop to bring him to reason.

Student Strike Still On.
The strike of students which was called as a protest against the exile of over 300 students for their recent demonstrations still continues. Conflicts with the police have taken place, Prof. Markoff has been summarily dismissed and many others are resigning. The colleges for girls are almost empty. Under the government's late decree all disturbers will be expelled and exiled, including the 600 students expelled from Tomsk university, the total number of expulsions will be brought up to nearly 1,300.

Norway Lets Down the Bars for Women to Hold Office
Women of Haakon's Kingdom Allowed to Aspire to Official Place with Him.

COPENHAGEN, March 11.—(Special to The Bee.)—Norway has evidently found its advanced experiments in women's suffrage satisfactory and has taken another long step in the way of placing women on a complete political equality with man.

Plague Spreads to European Russia
Four Fatal Cases Reported from Astrachan and Official Circles Are Excited.

BUCHAREST, March 11.—(Special to The Bee.)—According to a telegraphic communication received from the Roumanian society at Constantinople, the Manchurian plague has already spread to European Russia. During the last few days four fatal cases have been reported in the government of Astrachan. The news has produced a great sensation in official circles. It is feared that the epidemic will be conveyed into Roumanian through their commercial relations. The Roumanian government has therefore decided to proclaim a most rigorous quarantine.