

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

CANADA DRAWS SCOT ACROSS SEA

Draining of the Rural Population of Scotland Subject of Keen Discussion.

LAND SYSTEM MUST BE CHANGED  
House of Lords Has Been Standing Against Reform.

LORD LANDOWNE PRESENTS PLAN  
Would Cut Second Chamber Membership in Half.

PART NOMINATED PART ELECTED  
Asserted in Favor of New Scheme It Would Keep Trained and Able Men in the Public Service All the Time.

LONDON, June 3.—(Special to The Bee.)—The House of Lords, in its discussion of the draining of Scotland's population is causing more discussion than any other subject.

Whether the emigration can be stopped, and if so, how, is too big a question to discuss here. But we may take it that the man who is leaving Scotland is leaving his own country as he now receives to transfer his home to Canada, and the only way in which I should expect this to be done is by alterations in the land system. It is worthy of note in this connection that the House of Lords has been blocking land legislation in Scotland for five years.

The Landowne bill for the reform of the House of Lords sets up a second chamber, smaller by half than the present house, and representative of the nation. Of the 34 members, of which the new house is to be composed, it is suggested that 20 shall be present as reflecting the political opinion of the day; that is to say, 10 will be nominated by the crown on the advice of the ministry and 10 will be elected for districts by those numbers of the House of Commons whose constituencies are within the area. The third group consists of 10 to be elected by the existing House of Lords, who are duly qualified by distinguished service to the state. The form of election is to be such that the minority shall be fully represented.

Would Keep Able Men. In this way it will be possible to retain in the House of Lords experienced administrators, retired cabinet ministers, colonial governors, heads of government departments and former members of the House of Commons. Except for this group, membership of the House of Lords is open to everyone. The present anomaly of political representation is corrected, and there is an equal chance for both parties in the new house. At present there has been an attempt at detailed criticism, and the opinion is general that Lord Landowne has devised a solution of the reformed second house problem. But the radicals do not want a reformed second chamber in any practical sense of the word; that those who do not frankly declare themselves one chamber men aim at practically the same object by a Parliament which, if passed as it stands, deprives the upper house of all legislative powers.

King's Tailors on Strike. A strike of tailors here has developed the fact that nearly all the clothes for the king's coronation are being made in sweat shops. Unless employers and workmen come to terms, the clothes for the king's coronation will be made in the homes of the workers or in rooms rented by them in Soho, and so disgusting is the environment in many cases that the system is being abandoned. The tailors are asking the employers to provide workshops for the whole of the employees before the expiration of two years, and that, in the meantime, the workers shall pay workmen at the rate of 1s in the pound on the earnings, but not less than 3 per week, as compensation for the non-provision of accommodation. The masters are not inclined to fall in with the demand.

Some startling insights on the conditions under which the garments of the aristocracy are produced are revealed by James Blyth, secretary of the Society of Tailors and Tailoresses. At the present time clothing for the great majority of the west end shops is made in the homes of the workers or in rooms rented by them in Soho, and so disgusting is the environment in many cases that the system is being abandoned. The tailors are asking the employers to provide workshops for the whole of the employees before the expiration of two years, and that, in the meantime, the workers shall pay workmen at the rate of 1s in the pound on the earnings, but not less than 3 per week, as compensation for the non-provision of accommodation. The masters are not inclined to fall in with the demand.

Coronation Cost. The sum of \$25,000 has been set down in the civil service estimates to cover the cost of the coronation. The costliest coronation on record in English history is that of King George IV., in 1820, when the coronation robes and about \$70,000 was the cost. The public grumbled, especially as it was excluded from the Abbey. George III had been crowned at half the cost, and William IV, detesting pomp, had everything connected with his coronation reduced to the lowest limits, and succeeded in getting through the business for \$10,000. Probably the most expensive coronation that has ever taken place was that of the emperor of Russia, on which \$15,000,000 was expended. It is said that the \$15,000,000 was for the carriage horses taking part in the procession involved an outlay of \$200,000, and that one of the singers engaged commanded a fee of \$15,000 for six songs.

Here is a story from darkest England, from a section close by that where several millions will be spent upon the crowning of a little man and his wife. This story of life under the most wretched conditions was told at Clerkenwell police court, where Alfred Pank and his wife were charged with neglecting their six children. An inspector of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, said he went to a washhouse in Little Clarendon place, a room eight feet by four feet, extremely damp, with a tap continually running and a choked gully outside. The floor was strewn with shavings and the place extremely dirty. There lived the prisoners and their six children, who were all bundled up together and all the children sick. A girl 8 years of age had no clothes except an old coat pinned round her. One child had a scalded foot, which had been neglected. The bedding was on the floor. They had all been lying in one room in another part of the house, but had been crowded about since lived in the washhouse. The parents were laid and the children sent to institutions.

Americans Living in London Lose Identity in the Mass

LONDON, June 3.—(Special to The Bee.)—The American consul general, J. L. Griffith, asked by the State department for a report on the number of Americans resident in London has given an estimate of about 7,000, but candidly says this is simply a guess. Several attempts have been made to determine the number of Americans living permanently here, but never with any great success. Only 25,000 Americans are today registered at the consulate general. American directories have also been published, but they contained even fewer names, and those only of the well known Americans. Mr. Griffith's estimate is considered quite conservative. Americans are found in every walk of life in London. They are, however, widely scattered. In the first place there are a great many Americans in business in London, but only a small proportion of these are members of the American society or kindred organizations, and the others, not generally known to their fellow countrymen, are swallowed up in the great vortex of London's population of 7,000,000.

ANTI-HOME RULERS ARE BUSY

Endless Chain Scheme is Adopted to Enlist Protestants.  
BISHOP O'DEA SCORES CORRUPTION  
Galway Ecclesiastic Uses Language of Scathing Import to Denounce Bribes Givers and Bribes Takers.

DUBLIN, June 3.—(Special to The Bee.)—The Orangemen of the north of Ireland, urged on by Tory politicians, are circulating a petition urging Protestants to fight against home rule. The petition reads as follows: "We, the Protestants of Ireland, recognizing how closely religion and politics are connected in this country, view with alarm the proposal of the present government to introduce a system of home rule, believing that any such measure, however carefully drafted, cannot guard against the insidious workings of Rome, whose interference has ever been prejudicial to the peace of the community and the prosperity of the nation."

The idea is that each person, receiving the document is to make at least six copies, to fill one himself, and send five to five Protestant friends, who in turn are expected to fill one and to make copies and forward them to their friends, and so on, until the name of every Protestant in Ireland opposed to home rule has been secured. When that has been accomplished, it is proposed to present the petition to Parliament with the hope of preventing the passing of the home rule bill.

Bishop Denounces Corruption. During a recent official visitation at North Clare, Bishop O'Dea, cathedral bishop of Galway, bitterly denounced political corruption and bribery. He compared men who gave or accepted bribes to robbers and murderers. In the course of his address the bishop said the people had a splendid opportunity to show that Catholic Ireland would be worthy of its best traditions, and they should elect the best men. There had been, among some people, selfish and unmanly. The man who sold his vote would sell the lives of the people. Shop stealers had been treated with leniency, and he hoped the sellers of votes would be similarly dealt with. A man who puts a rogue into office was worse than a rogue himself.

John Redmond, the Irish leader, recently wrote an article for an English publication wherein he stated that the Irish were disloyal to the British government. He contended that Irishmen are by instinct and nature not a disloyal but a loyal people. This has been proved by the test of history, which shows how repeatedly Ireland has previously suffered for its faithful loyalty to English sovereigns. It has been proved also by the loyalty of Irishmen in every self-governing dominion in the empire.

Irishmen, generation after generation, have struggled to obtain something to be loyal to. Home rule will create loyalty in Ireland, as it had done in Canada, Australia and South Africa, and if the fears similar to those about Irish "disloyalty" in the future have been allowed to prevail against the concession all these possessions of the crown would be independent republics like American colonies.

Swiss Prohibit Long Hatpins

Women Carrying Dangerous Weapons on Their Heads Are to Be Arrested.  
GENEVA, June 3.—(Special to The Bee.)—The cantons of the Swiss confederation have voted a new law absolutely prohibiting the wearing of hatpins that protrude longer than one inch from the hat. This regulation arises from the number of complaints and accidents which have happened recently. The guardians are authorized to arrest any woman wearing such a dangerous hatpin, and the fine is from \$25 upwards.

CAPTIVE STATES HITBY REICHSTAG

German Parliament Rejects Constitution that Was to Flaccate Alsace-Lorraine.

ALSATIANS PLAN NEW AGITATION  
Emperor William Rides All Night at Maneuvers.

EIGHT DIVISIONS IN SHAM FIGHT  
Seventieth Wedding Anniversary of Pottsdam Couple.

CUPID DOING DUTY INDUSTRIOUSLY  
American Singer to Marry a Prince.  
Pastor Wins a Princess for His Wife and a Turkish Major Also Gets a Princess.

BERLIN, June 3.—(Special to The Bee.)—The rejection of the constitution of Alsace-Lorraine by the Reichstag means a renewal of the agitation which brought about the presentation of the measure to the national legislature. Already a number of meetings have been planned by Alsatians. The emperor is said to favor a compromise.

During the recent sham battle of Guedelotte, the emperor remained in the saddle from midnight until 4:30 the next morning, personally directing a spectacular sham battle on the historic field. Fifty thousand staff officers were present. The field was brilliantly illuminated by searchlights. Eight divisions of the sixteenth army corps participated in the engagement, which was characterized by the utmost realism. All through the night the countryside for miles around rang with the din of battle, the roar of artillery and the crackle of rifle-fire.

Manie Fay of San Francisco, a singer at the Munich opera house, is preparing to marry Prince Heinrich, a grandson of the emperor regent, and cousin of mad King Otto. As the king is childless, the right of succession rests in the regent's line. Nor is this to be a morganatic marriage, for the young lady stood firmly for regular marriage or none. As the prince is desperately in love with the American singer, he has decided to renounce his honors and kingly expectations so as to marry the girl of his heart. Prince Regent Luipold has done everything to dissuade the youth from marrying the young woman, but failed. The prince first saw Miss Fay at the Grand opera house in Munich.

A marriage has been arranged between Princess Barbara Reuss, daughter of Prince Henry Reuss, and Count Siegfried von Lottow, a Protestant pastor, chaplain of the emperor, and cousin of mad King Otto. The bride is an imperial princess, niece of the sultan. Ever Bey is 23 and his bride 18. A hero of the revolution, he helped, as leader of the Young Turks, to dethrone Abdul Hamid and to replace him by his brother, the present ruler. As a reward for his services in the overthrow of the old regime the imperial princess was bestowed upon Ever Bey in accordance with an old Turkish custom. He had not, at the time of his engagement, seen his bride.

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First Labor Premier Gets Much Attention in London

LONDON, June 3.—(Special to The Bee.)—London, in its years, has become rather well acquainted with the prime minister of the overseas dominions. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has attended all the colonial and imperial conferences and other big functions since he came into power in Canada in 1896. Sir Joseph Ward, premier of the Dominion of New Zealand, is almost as well known; Louis Botha, who led an army against the British forces in South Africa and now comes to England as premier of the Federation of South Africa, was here for the imperial defense conference and was made much of.

SHALL DUCHESS HAVE THRONE  
Hungarian Friends of Franz Ferdinand's Wife Are Busy.

INSIST SHE MUST BE REAL WIFE  
Serious Condition of Old Emperor is Due to Anglie Deary, and the New Agitation is Cause for Anxiety.

VIENNA, June 3.—(Special to The Bee.)—The fact that the condition of the emperor is serious is now generally admitted. At the time I first called attention to his rapidly falling strength it was vigorously declared in official circles that he was merely suffering from a severe cold. As a matter of fact he shows symptoms of a senile decay and it is not believed that even his marvelous constitution and determination can very much longer hold out.

Duchess Sells Lace. Archduchess Isabella, wife of Archduke Frederick, mother of six girls and one little boy, who is heir to the biggest fortune in Austria, recently discovered a novel way of selling some lace that is made by the Hungarian peasants under her patronage. On her way back from Spain, where she had been visiting the queen mother, she stopped for a few days in Paris. Driving in a motor car to one after another of the best shops for feminine finery, she went in her car to the head of the firm, like any commercial traveler, and she followed the customers gathered round and observed the pretty scene, a description of which they spread all over Paris. Immediately she returned to Vienna, she entered the shop when it was crowded with elegant buyers. Seated before a counter, she displayed her patterns, named the prices, and put down the chief's orders in a neat little notebook that had her initials and the imperial crown on the cover. The prices, the customers gathered round and observed the pretty scene, a description of which they spread all over Paris. Immediately she returned to Vienna, she entered the shop when it was crowded with elegant buyers. Seated before a counter, she displayed her patterns, named the prices, and put down the chief's orders in a neat little notebook that had her initials and the imperial crown on the cover. The prices, the customers gathered round and observed the pretty scene, a description of which they spread all over Paris. Immediately she returned to Vienna, she entered the shop when it was crowded with elegant buyers. Seated before a counter, she displayed her patterns, named the prices, and put down the chief's orders in a neat little notebook that had her initials and the imperial crown on the cover.

Preacher's Bluff Called. A dramatic scene in a church was enacted at the Hungarian village of Okany. When the Protestant preacher, a young and brilliant preacher named Alexander Ekel, addressed his congregation on the subject of the duty of forgiving injuries. He spoke with such eloquence that there was not a dry eye in the church when he completed his sermon. He concluded with a most touching prayer and proceeded to the altar, walking as if in rapt contemplation. A woman, who had been sitting at the church door, came to the front, without any notice, and she threw herself at the pastor's feet saying: "You preach forgiveness and reconciliation. Now forgive your poor wife who does not know what wrong she has done you, and let her return to her home."

Pope's Health Precarious. The pope's health has become a matter of serious preoccupation for his entourage. His three sisters are now in personal attendance upon him. The venerable pontiff has lost his former strength, it is said, and his powers of resistance are falling. Arterial degeneration, the most characteristic symptom of old age, has become pronounced. The attacks of gout, to which he has long been a martyr, have become much more frequent during the last three months.

Vatican's Special Mission. The pope has decided to send a special mission to participate in the coronation of King George. The mission will, it is reported, be headed by Monsignor Beltrame de Granozio, who represented Pope Leo at King Edward's coronation.

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HAREM BEAUTY ON THE STAGE  
Cousin of Khedive of Egypt Hurled Defiance at Family by Divorcing Husband and Becoming an Actress.

PARIS, June 3.—(Special to The Bee.)—A most unique case of Lord Bantipel has been brought to light by the arrest of a young clerk, M. Grasset-Lagarde, employed in a local department store. For years he has maintained a substantial country home outside of this city, given costly entertainments and played first citizen of the place, maintaining a firm department and opened bank accounts for children to encourage them.

This unique person is alleged to have robbed his employers in order to live the life of a country squire. Grasset-Lagarde was employed in one of the great stores, and is accused of having stolen \$200,000 by collecting outstanding accounts.

Although Grasset-Lagarde lived in luxury, Grasset-Lagarde lived in a house where he gave hunting parties. He did everything in style and was noted for his charity. He presented saving bank books annually to the best school children and subsidized the village fire campaign. Now he protests that his salary was inadequate for the important work entrusted to him, and says that as he had the chance of procuring money he availed himself of it.

Village Blacksmith a Genius. When President Fallieres and the members of the presidential party were about to sit down to a luncheon in the saloon car of the Paris-Brussels express it was discovered that there were thirteen at the table. A blacksmith was invited to join the party and so made fourteen. Then the dinner commenced and it developed that the blacksmith was the best informed man and best story teller in the party.

Harem Beauty on Stage. Princess Zaida Hanum, cousin of the Khedive of Egypt, recently fled from her home life and went on the Continental stage. She is the first Oriental royal lady to forsake regal life and to break the fetters of immemorial custom. Princess Zaida did it in a very dramatic way. Since the day she defied the traditional shroud of the harem princess, dismissed her second husband, a Turkish general, by way of the divorce court, and defied the tradition of the Egyptian royalty, she has been an outcast from her native land. The action which enraged Mohammedans most was that Princess Zaida should dare to take to herself the right to divorce her husband, this privilege under the Mohammedan code being one for men only.

Guichard Angry at Reporter. One of the most annoyed men here is M. Guichard, head of the department whose special duty it is to watch anarchists. Guichard got wind of a plot to blow up several buildings. The names of the anarchists chosen to do the dastardly work were known, and their photos were posted in all the police stations. A newspaper got hold of the information and published it, and M. Guichard is wrath because the anarchists have thus been warned. Meanwhile the threatened personages and buildings are being closely guarded.

Crook Had Many Names. It has been discovered that the fugitive banker who is "wanted" by the police for defrauding thousands of people by promising them 1 per cent per day on their money had had thirty-six different aliases. He is said to have metted his way through money under the name of Hlyter by his latest scheme, but before this the police assert that he was successful in gulping people with other swindles. The astute man not only changed his name frequently, but very often modified his appearance. Some times he dyed his hair and beard a chestnut color. Occasionally he wore a wig. He dressed with extreme elegance, and in spite of his age, had made feminine conquests. His companion in his flight is a Belgian woman. He was one of the "polite men" that were ever lived. A woman who he robbed of \$7,000 said she did not care to prosecute him if caught, as he was "such a courteous gentleman. Why, one day after I had deposited a large sum of money with him he raised his umbrella over me and escorted me from his office to my cab at the curb."

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COLLECTED A FORTUNE EASILY  
Outstanding Accounts of Employers Source of Income.

HAREM BEAUTY ON THE STAGE  
Cousin of Khedive of Egypt Hurled Defiance at Family by Divorcing Husband and Becoming an Actress.

PARIS, June 3.—(Special to The Bee.)—A most unique case of Lord Bantipel has been brought to light by the arrest of a young clerk, M. Grasset-Lagarde, employed in a local department store. For years he has maintained a substantial country home outside of this city, given costly entertainments and played first citizen of the place, maintaining a firm department and opened bank accounts for children to encourage them.

This unique person is alleged to have robbed his employers in order to live the life of a country squire. Grasset-Lagarde was employed in one of the great stores, and is accused of having stolen \$200,000 by collecting outstanding accounts.

Although Grasset-Lagarde lived in luxury, Grasset-Lagarde lived in a house where he gave hunting parties. He did everything in style and was noted for his charity. He presented saving bank books annually to the best school children and subsidized the village fire campaign. Now he protests that his salary was inadequate for the important work entrusted to him, and says that as he had the chance of procuring money he availed himself of it.

Village Blacksmith a Genius. When President Fallieres and the members of the presidential party were about to sit down to a luncheon in the saloon car of the Paris-Brussels express it was discovered that there were thirteen at the table. A blacksmith was invited to join the party and so made fourteen. Then the dinner commenced and it developed that the blacksmith was the best informed man and best story teller in the party.

Harem Beauty on Stage. Princess Zaida Hanum, cousin of the Khedive of Egypt, recently fled from her home life and went on the Continental stage. She is the first Oriental royal lady to forsake regal life and to break the fetters of immemorial custom. Princess Zaida did it in a very dramatic way. Since the day she defied the traditional shroud of the harem princess, dismissed her second husband, a Turkish general, by way of the divorce court, and defied the tradition of the Egyptian royalty, she has been an outcast from her native land. The action which enraged Mohammedans most was that Princess Zaida should dare to take to herself the right to divorce her husband, this privilege under the Mohammedan code being one for men only.

Guichard Angry at Reporter. One of the most annoyed men here is M. Guichard, head of the department whose special duty it is to watch anarchists. Guichard got wind of a plot to blow up several buildings. The names of the anarchists chosen to do the dastardly work were known, and their photos were posted in all the police stations. A newspaper got hold of the information and published it, and M. Guichard is wrath because the anarchists have thus been warned. Meanwhile the threatened personages and buildings are being closely guarded.

Crook Had Many Names. It has been discovered that the fugitive banker who is "wanted" by the police for defrauding thousands of people by promising them 1 per cent per day on their money had had thirty-six different aliases. He is said to have metted his way through money under the name of Hlyter by his latest scheme, but before this the police assert that he was successful in gulping people with other swindles. The astute man not only changed his name frequently,