

ing for the late King. Business was suspended in all the large centres of population. Religious services were held in thanksgiving for the world-wide peace secured by the deceased Monarch's prudent counsels, and asking guidance from God for his successor. A Solemn Votive Mass, 'pro quacumque necessitate,' was celebrated in the Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough street, by the Right Rev. Dr. Donnelly, Bishop of Canea, about the time the King's funeral was taking place. His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin presided at the ceremony, which was most impressive throughout. Every available seat in the sacred edifice was occupied, and the clergy of the Cathedral were reluctantly compelled to refuse tickets to thousands who sought admittance. The attendance included representatives of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, Judges of the High Court, County Court Judges, members of the Bar, Foreign Consuls, members of the Corporation, members of the Senate of the National University, representatives of University College, the College of Surgeons and College of Physicians, members of the Council of the Chamber of Commerce and the Incorporated Law Society, representatives of the Army, Navy, and public departments, as well as a large gathering of representative citizens.

Old Age Pensions

The drastic measures adopted by many of the Old Age Pensions' officers in stopping or reducing the pensions in the cases of many of the old people have not been supported by Mr. Birrell. In future the certificate of a clergyman is to be deemed sufficient evidence of the age of the applicant, unless there is full evidence of deception. Those on the border line of the statutory age are to have the benefit of the doubt, and will receive the pension. The recommendations of the Treasury are marked with a spirit of great generosity.

Intermediate Education

The annual report of the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland, which has just been issued, shows that the number of students who presented themselves for examination in 1909 was 7676 boys and 3656 girls, or a total of 11,332, being a decrease of 60 (or 8 per cent.) in the case of boys and an increase of 9 (or 2 per cent.) in the case of girls. In honor subjects, 10,786 were examined in French, 6369 in history and geography, 6076 in Irish, 5043 in Latin, 4266 in Experimental Science, first year course, 3559 in the same, second year course, 2077 in German, 2002 in arithmetic and algebra (honor papers only), 1157 in Greek, 1086 in geometry (honor papers only), 946 in trigonometry (senior and middle grades only), 13 in Italian, and 3 in Spanish. Of the 6076 examined in Irish, 1321 were examined in honors, and 754 passed with honors, being a percentage of 57.1, 3825 passed without honors, or 62.9 per cent.; 1497 failed. The total percentage of passes was 75.4.

Mr. Redmond and Compromise

After some kindly words in regard to the late King, Mr. Redmond at Cork on Sunday, May 22, addressed himself to the question of the conflict between Lords and Commons. That conflict, he rightly said, was inevitable, for the democracy of England had burned their boats, and retreat was impossible. Compromise would mean the betrayal of the principle of popular liberty. So long as Mr. Asquith and his Ministry acted up to their pledges, so long and no longer would they receive the enthusiastic support of the Irish Party. Delay there might be, defeat there might be, but such delay or defeat could but be a temporary check, and the democracy would win in the end. And with the victory of the democracy over the privileged and hereditary House of Lords would come the chance of Home Rule for Ireland. Nothing would make him and his colleagues swerve a hair's breadth from their policy. Considering the power of the Nationalist vote in Mr. Asquith's coalition Government, it may now be assumed that there will be no weakening on the part of the Ministry. With Mr. Redmond will side the Labor members, and as soon as the unavoidable business has been transacted, Parliament will be engaged with the question of the removal of the Lords' block on legislation of a distinctly democratic character. Until that block is removed, the Liberal Party may as well be out of office, as in office but out of power.

GENTLEMEN.

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People We Hear About

His Grace Archbishop Farley, of New York, recently celebrated his 68th birthday. His Grace is a native of County Armagh, Ireland.

Mr. Justin McCarthy has now in hand the eighth volume of his *History of Our Own Times*, which will bring down his work to the end of the reign of King Edward VII.

The Lord Mayors of Dublin, Belfast, and Cork occupied positions at the burial service of the late King Edward in St. George's Chapel at Windsor. The Lord Mayor of Dublin sat immediately behind the Lord Mayor of London.

Queen Alexandra is the seventh in a remarkable group of royal widows, all alive to-day, who have played an important part in shaping the destinies of Europe. Russia, Italy, Spain, Holland, Portugal, and even Republican France have royal widows, and all but the ill-fated Eugenie are powers behind the thrones.

One of the foremost authorities in America on astronomy is a woman, a Catholic woman of California, Miss Rose A. O'Halloran, born in Ireland, citizen of San Francisco. Miss O'Halloran is not only a recognised authority on astronomical matters, but a writer and lecturer of wide reputation, and also a poet of genuine attainments.

The editor of *Everybody's Magazine* has lately been throwing some light on the income of some contemporary writers of short stories. He names seven American writers who are in a position to ask one thousand dollars in cold cash for a story of 5000 words, or twenty cents a word. They are: Robert W. Chambers, Richard Harding Davis, John Fox, jun., Booth Tarkington, Owen Wister, Jack London, and Frances Hodgson Burnett.

General Porfirio Diaz has been re-elected President of Mexico for the seventh time. As in the United States, whose Constitution has been largely copied by Mexico, the Mexican President is elected for a term of four years, and, with the exception of 1880-84 period, Diaz has governed his native Republic with great ability since 1875. He begins his eighth term of office at the age of 79, but he looks and feels many years younger.

Richard Le Gallienne, the poet, was entertaining a group of magazine editors at luncheon in New York. To a compliment upon his fame Mr. Le Gallienne said lightly: 'But what is poetical fame in this age of prose? Only yesterday a schoolboy came and asked me for my autograph. I assented willingly. And to-day at breakfast time the boy again presented himself. 'Will you give me your autograph, sir?' he said. 'But,' said I, 'I gave you my autograph yesterday.' 'I swopped that and a dollar,' he answered, 'for the autograph of Jim Jeffries.'

The extinction of a great name seems to be certain. The Bonapartes legally recognised by the French Courts are now only three—Prince Napoleon Victor, Prince Napoleon Louis, and Prince Roland. All are unmarried except Roland, a widower with one daughter, Princess Marie, who is the wife of Prince George of Greece. The American Bonapartes are not recognised in France, though, of course, that is simply passive obedience to a decree whose injustice is not questioned. The Corsican's line has been short, 150 years at most between the leap to unparalleled power and the fall of the name into oblivion, extinction.

The English Royal Family are closely related to nearly all the ruling Houses of Europe. The late King was an uncle of the German Emperor, an uncle by marriage of the Czar, an uncle of the Czarina, a brother-in-law of the Kings of Denmark and Greece, a father-in-law of the King of Norway, and an uncle-in-law of the Queen of Spain; while his relationships by blood and marriage with other reigning families, while not so close, were none the less calculated to cement friendship and render the establishment of international understandings on the basis of sympathy and mutual goodwill of easy accomplishment.

Maria Sophia Frederika Dagmar, the royal widow of Russia, is a potent political figure. She is especially interesting by reason of the fact that she is a younger sister of the new widowed Queen Alexandra, and there was always a deep affection between the two Danish princesses who were chosen to ascend to such mighty thrones. Queen Marie was born in 1847, and although throughout her married life with the Czar Alexander III. she had great sorrows, and although since her widowhood, in 1894, she has passed through troublous times during the reign of her son, the present Czar she has remarkably retained her youthful appearance.

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