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at the establishments of the world. (1) military the United Kingdom, (2) India, (3) the self-governing Colonies, (4) other Colonies and dependencies, (5) the chief foreign countries; (b) the military establishments maintained at the cost of the Imperial Exchequer in the various Colonies and Dependencies, and the approximate cost in each. The financial year dealt with is 1904-5. The following are the figures for that period:—

United Kingdom.....	£ 31,555,638
India.....	20,175,604
France.....	27,398,743
Germany.....	32,241,527
Aus.-Hungary.....	17,595,072
Italy.....	11,451,340
Japan.....	4,787,457
Russia.....	38,841,784
United States.....	23,168,773

The German total excludes pensions and £4,890,406 for colonial military expenditure, of which £3,959,527 was "extraordinary war expenditure." The figures for both Japan and Russia exclude extraordinary war expenditure. The remarkable statement is made that the £23,168,773 given as the military expenditure of the United States excludes all count of nearly £2,000,000 paid in that country as pensions. The military expenditures from Colonial funds for local forces was £3,708,675, which includes £1,317,755, the cost of the South African Constabulary, numbering 4,500 men. This total of £3,708,675 is, however, exclusive of an approximated £1,905,000, the cost of the local forces in certain Crown Colonies in Africa, etc. In Egypt the Imperial Government paid £5,593 for the maintenance of military establishments.

**THOUGHTS FOR TO-NIGHT AND TO-MORROW.**

To make pleasures pleasant, shorten them. Buxton.  
Man is greater than a world; than systems of worlds. There is more mystery in the union of soul with the physical, than in the creation of a universe.

**NEWS-NOTES AND NOTIONS.**

**OUR RIVALS IN THE BLOODSTOCK MARKET.**  
For some reason or other—it may be the climate, or the pasture, or the system of rearing the young stock—we have hitherto, at all events, had little or nothing to fear from the competition of Germany in the bloodstock market. In France, on the other hand (says "Country Life"), a very different state of affairs prevails. Frenchmen have all along been excellent judges of all that pertains to horseflesh, their views on breeding are of the soundest, they spare no expense in securing the best and stoutest strains of blood, and their climate is in many parts quite as suitable as our own for the propagation and successful rearing of thorough-bred horses. Some day or other English breeders will realize that they have lost the supremacy in the bloodstock markets of the world, and it is difficult to see how such a position is to be avoided in the face of the lavish assistance given by their respective Governments to foreign breeders, and the constantly increasing expenses and difficulties with which our breeders have to contend at every turn.

**EMPHATIC.**

"In a window of a large bookshop in London, in which many hundreds of volumes are exposed for sale," writes a correspondent, "the following notice is affixed: 'It gives us equal pleasure to sell you one of these volumes as a thousand.' A would-be humorist has gone to the trouble of having some labels printed on which is inscribed the word 'Liar,' and one of these he affixes to the window every night immediately underneath the notice. The offending label is regularly removed each morning by the proprietor, and folks are wondering who will hold out

a scuffle in the dark a policeman handcuffed an inspector who had captured two men. The mistake was not realised until some lights were obtained, and then a difficulty was experienced in removing the handcuffs.

**A NOVEL REASON FOR ADJOURNMENT.**

In Dundalk a local Board was adjourned last week owing to the absence of the Press representatives. Evidently the representatives of the people at Dundalk attach a greater importance to letting the people know what they have done than doing it.

**PRINTING FROM SHORTHAND.**

The "Dreadnought Journal" has its composition set from stenographic copy, and to this end has given lessons to its compositors. If the reporter is careful in his writing, and the compositor able to read the signs, there is no reason why the practice should not become more general.

**CHIPS OF SENSE AND SATIRE.**

The fellow who makes a fool of himself is never lonely.  
Fame is a post mortem of the gods.  
Most of us know when to stop, but we don't.  
The gas meter can always be depended upon to fill the bill.  
Before you kick, it is well to know just where the shoe pinches.  
Some men are like an electric button; they won't accomplish much unless they are pushed.

**MUNSTER CONNAUGHT EXHIBITION.**

We understand that arrangements have been made with the Irish Animated Picture Company (who are now showing at the Theatre) for the exhibition of the splendid pictures during the whole time that the exhibition lasts.

**ACCIDENT.**

James Rahilly, a carter, was admitted to Barrington's Hospital yesterday to be treated for fracture of the leg. Rahilly was on business at Ardarauskah for his employers, Messrs. O'Levee, when the horse he was driving took fright at a passing donkey cart, and he was dragged for some distance, sustaining the accident stated. The injured man had the fractured bone between the knee and ankle set, and he is progressing fairly well.

**DEATH OF AN EX-LIMERICK EDITOR.**

Mr. P. J. Meehan, the oldest editor of a Catholic paper in the United States, having served continuously for 54 years as editor of the "Irish American," New York City, died on April 20th at his residence, Ogden Avenue, Jersey City, U.S.A., of bronchitis, in his 74th year. He was born in Limerick City, and educated here, and would never, it is said, accept office in the States.

**IRISH SEED POTATOES BILL.**

In the House of Lords yesterday, Lord Deasman moved the second reading of the Seed Potatoes Supply (Ireland) Bill. In doing so, he mentioned that 14,000 tons of potatoes had been distributed. In future all such schemes would be taken in hand by the Department, and not by Boards of Guardians.  
Lord Ashbourne having spoken in support, the Bill was read a second time.

**PRETTY WEDDING.**

On Thursday last a very pretty wedding took place in the Dominican Church, Limefick, when Mr. Michael Casack, of Mitchelstown, Co. Cork, was married to Miss Harriet Ryan, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ryan, the Glen of Aberlow. There was a large and fashionable attendance, and the bride, who was given away by her father, looked extremely well.  
After the ceremony a large number of guests partook of an excellent dejeuner at Geary's Hotel, Thomas Street, after which the bride and bridegroom left for London, where part of the honeymoon will be spent.

**SCHOOL TEACHERS' PENSIONS FUND.**

of the entertainment, both musical and vocal. If anything there is too much of it, but all is so excellent and new that a quarter of the eleven comes—with one brief interval in the middle, before the audience knows it. The pictures are really magnificent, and bring the actual scenes, vividly before the eye; they are instructive, and many of them most mirth provoking. Mr. Goggin is deservedly honored for his able singing of songs illustrated by pretty coloured lantern views. Miss Hilda Mooney is adding to her laurels as a finished violinist (though the audience would like to hear something a little more "popular,") and the three bandmen show by excellent playing what good results can be achieved with only piano, violin, and cornet. Our readers should take the treat offered, to-night, to-morrow, or on Saturday night, or at the matinee at three. It is rare indeed we get anything so well worth seeing, that it ought to be supported when it does come.

**THE LATE MRS. WHITE OF NANTENAN.**

**REFERENCE IN CHURCH.**

Speaking in Church on Sunday last, Father Curtin referred in feeling terms to the deceased lady. He said for obvious reasons he did not wish to say much, but he could not allow the sad occasion to pass without mentioning the fact that she lived in the parish for over forty years, and during all that time she ever showed a loving interest towards the people of Cappagh and all that concerned the parish, and best of all she deceased lady showed, by her example, what a good Catholic ought to be. The Rev. Clergymen then referred to the deceased lady's kind and beautiful thoughts on their part, and he thanked the dear children for their kindly act, which pointed out how we should have sympathy for those in affliction. He (Fr. Curtin) felt sure the deceased lady would have many a prayer, and especially the prayers of the poor, which are so effective with God.

**VOTES OF SYMPATHY.**

Expressions of deep regret and sympathy with Capt. John G. White, D.L., Nantenan House, have been passed by the members of the Rathkeale District Council, the Cappa Gaelic League, the Rathkeale Race Committee, and also by the magistrates sitting at the Rathkeale Petty Sessions.

**IN PARLIAMENT.**

**PENSIONS TO EX-MINISTERS.**

Mr. McKenna, replying to Mr. George H. Faber, said the present recipients of pensions paid to ex-Cabinet Ministers were—Viscount Cross £3,000, Lord George Hamilton £2,000, Mr. H. Chaplin £1,200, Sir John Gorst £1,200, Lord Balfour of Burleigh £1,200, and Mr. Gerald Balfour £1,200.

**PREMIER'S RETURN.**

At three o'clock yesterday, shortly after the commencement of questions, the Prime Minister entered the House and was greeted with a congratulatory cheer by his supporters.

**THE EDUCATION BILL.**

**SATURDAY'S DEMONSTRATION IN LONDON.**

(BY TELEGRAPH TO-DAY)

The "Catholic Herald" states that nearly fifty thousand applications for tickets for the Catholic demonstration against the Education Bill at Albert Hall, London, on Saturday, have been received by the Organising Committee. The Archbishop of Westminster will preside and resolutions will be proposed condemning the Bill as fundamentally unjust, and pledging all Catholics to resist the measure to the utmost.

The Press Association states that at yesterday's meeting of the Irish Nationalist members presided over by Mr. J. Redmond, it was unanimously decided to vote against the second reading of the Education Bill. No particular as to the discussion on the subject were allowed to transpire.

A strong whip has been issued to all the members of the Party to be in attendance for the Education Bill debate on Monday, and for discussion which will take place on the second reading.

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