

IRELAND.

No Danger of a Rising in the Country—Davitt on Proclaimed Meetings—Mob Charged with Bayonets—Four Persons Fatally Injured—Arrest of League Officers—Penal Servitude for Life.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The military commissioner who has been investigating the reports says there is no danger of an organized rising in Ireland, and that if the Government takes strict measures for the repression of lawlessness a peaceful solution of the present difficulties may be effected.

DUBLIN, Jan. 5.—At the weekly meeting of the Land League yesterday Michael Davitt said it was understood that several more meetings would be proclaimed this week, and he counselled all the branch leagues to give the authorities no pretext for the suppression of the meetings in consequence of the wording of the placards. He said branches of the League would be summoned to meet fortnightly, and if these meetings were also prohibited the only remedy would inevitably point in the direction of illegal meetings. If the Habeas Corpus Act were suspended he was firmly convinced that violence and outrage would usurp the restricted influence of the League.

At the trials of the traversers the defence suggested that the short-hand news by Constable Stringer had been altered since it was taken, but failed to shake the witnesses. It is evident that one point of the defence will be that nearly all of the meetings at which the traversers spoke were sanctioned or presided over by the Catholic clergy. Messrs. Parnell, Dillon and Sullivan were not in court to-day, having gone to attend the opening of Parliament.

Last night some people near Claremorris dug a ditch across the road to prevent the passage of a process-server, who, with a police escort, was proceeding to serve writs of ejectment. The mob threw stones freely. The Riot Act was read and the police charged the mob. Four persons are believed to be fatally bayoneted and several injured.

The president, treasurer, secretary and two other members of the Tralee branch of the Land League were arrested at the weekly meeting to-day on a charge of sedition, in having resolved at the last meeting to "boycott" one Canes. They have been remanded, bail being refused. A large force of police escorted the prisoners to jail. The crowd threatened the police, but the military with fixed bayonets joined the officers.

At the Omagh assizes to-day a farmer, named Graham, convicted of shooting the bailiff Mulholland, near Cookstown, county of Tyrone, in December, was sentenced to penal servitude for life.

One of the rioters wounded in the encounter with the police near Claremorris died last night.

GLASGOW, Jan. 5.—A special correspondent writes from Ireland to the Evening Times, giving an account of an interview held by him with a gentleman who might not be unfairly described as a Fenian head-centre. So intimate is he with all the proceedings of the fraternity, that he states when the land agitation was inaugurated a determined resistance was made to it by the supporters of the Fenian propaganda. That organization had then 63,000 members paying a small weekly contribution. Scarcely had the Land League movement commenced when the Fenian agitation as an organization collapsed, and there was an almost immediate transference of the members to the League. The correspondent adds that there were included in the leadership of the land movement men who speedily developed into more thorough-going Young Irelanders than ever before lived. The writer then proceeds as follows: "Since the extreme party began to have greater weight in the councils, Fenian principles have had freer play. The distribution of arms, which was never entirely suspended, has since been prosecuted with vigor, and the number of Sniders now scattered over the country cannot be well calculated. Any man, I understand, who puts down one pound in the proper quarter, can be provided with a Snider rifle and 100 rounds of ball and cartridge, with waist belts, shoulder belts and cartridge pouch, a sword and bayonet for the rifle. It is unnecessary to state that the one pound does not cover the expenses, but the difference is made good from a fund contributed to by the sympathizers with the proceedings. One or two persons whose names have been before the public of late, and who are credited with effecting

THE CHANGE IN THE LAND AGITATION which it has recently assumed—I mean the change toward the repeal movement—have been particularly active in distributing arms, and the strategies resorted to for carrying out this purpose would be worthy of a better cause. Though matters are taking this turn the Fenians are not hopeful that the rising can be effectually carried out in Ireland. They acknowledge that a great portion of the people of the country are not disposed to run the risk that will attend a rising, anxious as they are to secure self-government, therefore the leaders of the organization have long been turning their eyes in another direction, and have come to the conclusion that the blow must be struck at home and at the English Parliament. Another Clerkenwell outrage, they imagine, would go a great way to the furtherance of Home Rule. They pray that Britain may be entangled in some active foreign controversy, for then their opportunity will come. In that emergency they conceive that all will be needed in order to paralyze the country and the Government, will be the destruction of a few public edifices, particularly about the dock-yard towns." Two more bottles of petroleum were found yesterday, one at Carrier's dock and the other one at Huskisson's dock.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The proposed Land League meeting at Tully, county Galway, where Canon Fleming was shot at, has been prohibited.

The officers and members of the Land League arrested at Tralee are Mr. Harrington, proprietor of the Kerry Sentinel and president of the League; Mr. Lyons, the treasurer; Mr. O'Rourke, the secretary; Mr. Kelly, a draper; and Mr. Brassell, the proprietor of the Kerry Independent. They are charged, with other evil disposed persons, with having on divers occasions during December illegally held a court in Tralee, and exercised coercive jurisdiction. Jeremiah Leahy, president of the Firis branch of the Land League, has been arrested.

It is reported that the Land League will summon a national convention at Dublin to decide the course to pursue with regard to the Government Land Bill.

The London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian says that previous to the issue from the War Office of the circular directing a strict guard over the volunteer armories, over 100 rifles were stolen from one place in the vicinity of London.

Large quantities of ammunition, chiefly buckshot, are being shipped to Ireland. It is stated that the Pope has addressed a letter to the Archbishop of Dublin sympathizing with the Irish Catholics and desiring improvement in their condition, but exhorting them to do nothing contrary to the law, and declaring that Ireland will more readily obtain what she desires from the Government, in whose political ability he expresses confidence, if she keeps within the strict limits of legality.

The gun-makers are doing an enormous business, principally in revolvers. John Ray, who was a fellow-prisoner with Daniel O'Connell and a member of O'Connell's Old Guard, is dead.

A despatch from Kilmacow, county of Kilkenny, announces that the Rev. Mr. Cody, President Mullinavat of the branch Land League, and twelve members of the committee have been held for trial on a charge of Boycotting a farmer. A caretaker named Collins has been murdered near Parsontown.

A monster land meeting was held at Kinvarra, county Galway, to-day. The court to-day decided to admit the report of the Nation (newspaper) as evidence in the trials, in spite of the objection of the traversers' counsel.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—A Dublin despatch says the prosecution of the Land Leaguers and the prospect of the adoption of repressive measures by Parliament have not had any quieting effects in the west of Ireland. A bailiff and his wife and the wife and son of a tenant were recently seriously assaulted at Ballinmore by armed men. For the last month no petty sessions have been held at Ballinmore, but the League court sits regularly.

The three Land Commissioners, in their report to the Government, recommend the adoption of the "three F's," fair rents, free sales and fixity of tenure. They admit the principle of free contract, but intimate that practically such freedom does not exist. They propose that the rent be fixed by two arbitrators, one representing the tenant and the other the land court, with power to summon an umpire, and that the rent is to remain unchanged for 21 years. They would take away the power of eviction, except for non-payment of rent, subletting, or waste. Occupying tenants are not to be allowed to contract themselves out of the act, but non-occupying tenants will be allowed to do so except to a certain limitation. Corporations and limited owners should be enabled to sell to the amount of an annual payment not exceeding the present rent. The commissioners recommending the adoption of the "three F's" are Lord Beesborough, Baron Downe and Wm. Shaw, M.P. The dissenters are Messrs. Kavanagh and the O'Connor Don.

A Tralee despatch says in the case of the officers of the Tralee branch of the Land Leaguers, it was to-day decided to hold their examination in the jail, as a riot is feared if they are taken to the court. The solicitor and witnesses refused to attend the examination in the town. A later despatch says the examination of the Land Leaguers was adjourned till Saturday, when the defendants will be brought to the court house, provided the escort is not molested.

The Government is actively and determinedly suppressing the practice of "Boycotting." The constabulary have been instructed to attend fairs and markets to prevent it. Several persons have already been prosecuted for "Boycotting."

A Dublin despatch says Fury and ten other prominent members of the Annaghdown branch of the Land League have been arrested.

The Times says it is not improbable that Parnell, at the moment when he has to stand his trial on a criminal charge, and when he has challenged not only the British Government but the Imperial Parliament to combat, may find popular support in Ireland crumbling under his feet.

The Standard says that the Irish members have decided to systematically obstruct the progress of the Coercion Bill through Parliament.

Talbot, a tradesman of Tralee, and a member of the Land League, has been arrested.

WIFE DESENTION.

A Galt Woman Deserted by Her Husband in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Jan. 8.—A newly-married couple, William Riley and a woman who was lately Miss Eliza Jane Ewan, all of Galt, Canada, were at the City Hotel last night. This morning he told her he would go down and get a drink and return to their room in a few minutes. She has not seen him since and is in a bad plight, as he has got her money, amounting to \$25, and her watch and chain. They arrived in Buffalo yesterday, on their way to Williamsport, Pa. She has been a victim of misplaced confidence for sometime. Yesterday afternoon they boarded the train for the east, but just as the train was pulling out she discovered that her ticket was for Elmira and his for Williamsport. He rushed out and over a fence south of the depot. She lost no time in getting off also. She waited for him in the depot until night. He came and about 10 o'clock they went to the hotel, where they remained until this morning, with the result above described.

POPULARITY OF THE PRINCESS OF WALES.—It is not always comfortable for royal princesses to indulge in that favorite amusement of ladies known as "shopping." The other day the Princess of Wales went to a famous London shop to make some purchases, and to look at the pretty things displayed. There was nothing in her quiet dress, nor in the unostentatious brougham in which she drove to excite attention; but the Prince of Wales's feathers were emblazoned on the harness of the horses, and the idlers about the shop soon reported that the princess was within. A great crowd gathered, the interference of the police became necessary, and when the royal lady appeared she was greeted with more enthusiasm than she desired.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

Canadian.

THURSDAY, Jan. 6.

Three ladies exercised their franchise in connection with the recent school trustee election at Bowmanville.

Eighty buildings, at a cost of nearly \$75,000, have been erected in West Lynne (Man.) during the past year.

The St. John policemen intend to sue the corporation to recover the money deducted from their salaries in the general reduction in 1880.

It is reported in Brantford that the body of Sage, the missing man, has been found stabbed in a shed in the north part of that city.

Mr. E. Metivier, of Buckland, Que., has lost four children in eight days from a disease which the doctor, it is said, appears not to understand fully.

The customs officers at Woodstock, N.B., on Tuesday seized a team and a large lot of leather smuggled in from Houlton, Me., and valued at about \$250.

A writer in the Montreal press charges that there are hundreds of opium-eaters of both sexes in Montreal and calls on the press to make war against the practice.

Farmers in the Ottawa district report a scarcity of horses in the country, the unusual demand for teams for the shanties and the good wages paid having drawn away a great number.

There have been 100,000 bushels of wheat purchased on the West Lynne market (Man.) so far this season, and about 25,000 bushels of flax. A large quantity of barley and oats has also been purchased.

The girl Carrie Graham, who was charged by Gen. Renwick at London with larceny, was remanded for sentence. She is only 18 years of age and came from England three months ago. She states that she has parents living, and expects when she comes of age to inherit an estate worth \$20,000 a year. She is rather pretty and accomplished, but it is thought her mind is affected.

Yesterday, an engine while crossing on the ice-bridge of the Southeastern railway, at Longueuil, Que., broke through, and is now submerged in 25 feet of water. The driver and fireman hearing the ice cracking jumped off, and escaped uninjured. Horses will now be used in moving the produce, and the road bed will deviate around the hole into which the locomotive plunged. The proprietors of the road believe they will be able to raise the locomotive, and steps will be immediately taken to do so.

On Tuesday afternoon a little boy named Alexander Campbell, son of Mr. M. Campbell, student at Pine Hill College, Halifax, was coasting down the hill which passes that institution, and comes to a stop at the waters of the Northwest Arm. It is supposed the little fellow was speeding along on his sleigh, when at the foot of the street it struck a rock, throwing him into the water or into some thin ice, for when missed and search was made, his lifeless body was found in the water near shore. He was but 8 years old.

During Tuesday night the Great Western railway and the Credit Valley railway stations at Fergus were entered by burglars. At the Great Western railway station they captured nothing, but did considerable damage in the way of breaking locks and smashing furniture. At the Credit Valley railway station the loss amounted to about \$100 or more, the burglars having carried off several things in the way of baggage, besides taking a quantity of clothing belonging to the agent, worth about \$75, and some \$6 in change which had been left in the till. Entrance was gained by breaking the windows in each station.

FRIDAY, Jan. 7.

The body of Isaac Miller, who lately died in Malahide, is to be exhumed for an inquest, foul play being suspected by the deceased's friends.

The name of the Kensington post-office, near London, is to be changed on account of other places being similarly named. The name of West London will probably be given.

A Kingston despatch says that an extensive cave has been discovered near the Levant Iron Mines. Its passages will admit of one walking erect throughout them. It is to be carefully explored.

George Sage, the man who has been missed from Brantford for the last two weeks, has not been heard of yet. It is suspected that he has been murdered, and it was rumored that his body has been found out up in a box.

Andrew Barton is in Halifax with a brick of gold worth over \$1,000, and a number of valuable specimens. He took out of the nugget lead at Tangier during the month of December 105 ounces. The labor, etc., costs about half the amount of the proceeds.

The grand and petit jurors in the Bidulph murder case, to be tried on the 24th inst., have been all drawn. The petit jurors number 100. There are only four or five persons from Lucan and Bidulph on both panels. A true bill having already been found against the prisoners, the object of the grand jury on this occasion is not clear. The prisoners are all in good health.

So many of the lady teachers in the London public schools have been ill lately, and the bills paid to substitutes have been so large, that a monthly return of such sickness has been ordered by the board. Some of the trustees are reported saying that the alarming increase of illness lately has been the result of excessive party-going and general scheming. The members are quite up in arms over the subject.

THURSDAY, Jan. 8.

An accident on the Intercolonial railway at Dabert is reported. Thirteen freight cars are reported off the track.

The Weston Woollen Mills, lately destroyed by fire, are to be rebuilt at once. Work has been commenced.

A despatch from Durban says the Boers have driven the Natal Mounted Police to within three miles of Newcastle. Heavy firing has been heard in the direction of Wakkerstroom. The Boers are committing excesses on the western borders of Natal. The Boers attacked Rankerstroom on Friday, but were repulsed. In consequence of Sir George Colley's remonstrances the Boers recrossed the borders of Natal. The Basutos again crossed Drakensberg into Griqualand East, but were repulsed with a loss of 50 men.

A FATAL CONFLAGRATION.

Sad Disaster to a Bruce Co. Family—An Aged Mother Perishes in the Flames which Burn Down the Homestead.

UNDERWOOD, Ont., Jan. 10.—The house of Mrs. McLean, of this place, was discovered to be on fire about 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The alarm was first given by her father, an infirm old man, who roused the inmates. Mrs. McLean's eldest son, after first awaking his mother, sister and brother, escaped by the front door, getting badly burnt about the head and hands. He then succeeded in rescuing his sister and brother by the bed-room window. The mother became overpowered by the heat and smoke and perished in the flames. The children gave the alarm to the neighbors who turned out and succeeded in preventing the fire from catching in the stables attached to Bruce's Hotel, which were only a few feet distant. The old man is badly burnt about the head. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective stovepipe.

SUICIDE OF AN OPIUM EATER.

Melancholy Fate of a Dissolute and Unfortunate Man.

MONTREAL, Jan. 9.—A case of very deliberate suicide occurred here last night in the case of a young man named Rutger Martin Nevisons, who has been a resident of the city for about two years, and came here from Millstone, in the state of New Jersey. He had been acting as a book-keeper until a few months ago, when he became addicted to convivial habits and lost his situation. The depression on his mind produced by being thrown out of employment and depending for the support of himself and his wife on friends led to still deeper indulgence in drink, and then the use of opium in the form of morphine which he kept in the house. Last night after retiring to rest in a crazed state, he got up, and procuring about ten grains of morphine, he drank it in some water, and was just finishing his dreadful deed when his wife awoke and asked him what he was doing. He replied by stating that he had taken the deadly drug, and it was the last time he would trouble her. Medical aid was summoned, but all efforts proved unavailing, as the unfortunate man died before morning. The coroner's jury rendered the following verdict: "That the deceased came to his death by taking intentionally a quantity of morphine while in a state of delirium."

A RIP VAN WINKLE RESIDENCE.

Sale of the Effects of the Eccentric Scots Sisters—A Strange Pair.

MONTREAL, Jan. 8.—All the household effects of the late eccentric sisters Scott, who left a large fortune to endow a professorship and scholarship in McGill University, were sold to-day by auction, and attracted a large and curious crowd. The house, which was situated in the east end of the city, was greatly dilapidated both outside and inside. The interior of the dwelling had been terribly neglected, and was extremely filthy, owing to the strange habits of the late occupants, who kept no servants, male or female, except a choroman to light fires. Every article of furniture, pictures and statuary was covered with the accumulated dust of years. Everything was of days long ago, and might be strictly termed antique. The elegancies and refinements of the nineteenth century had evidently not entered into that exclusive abode. Among the various articles found belonging to these unmarried ladies was a collection of men's old hats, and in every room were numerous specimens of the same kind. The styles of these head coverings were as ancient as the furniture. The sale realized only \$150, whilst the estate of the late owners is above a quarter of a million dollars, a large portion of which goes to public objects, and the balance to distant relatives. Only a few days ago \$1,200 in bank notes were found in an old teapot, and \$300 in an old purse which had probably been hidden away years ago and forgotten. As a further mark of the eccentricity of the old ladies, your correspondent was informed to-day by Mr. Romeo Stephens that they had made a will leaving nearly all their property to the Ladies' College, an institution for the foundation of which the late Mr. Donald Ross bequeathed a considerable sum, but on an item appearing in one of the local papers to that effect, they were so much annoyed by the publication of their intentions that they cancelled the bequest and left the money to other objects.

A ROMANCE OF THE SOUTH.

Death of an African Prince Slaveholder.

WARRENTON, Va., Jan. 9.—An aged negro Hannibal Brown, who lived alone, was found dead on Friday night. He had probably frozen to death a week ago. He was brought to this country from Africa in 1820. He affirmed that his father was a king. His former master received convincing proof of his royal birth, and emancipated him long before the war. Hannibal was a blacksmith, made money, invested it in slaves, and was, as far as known, the only negro in the United States who was a slaveholder. From his slaves he required the homage due to his rank. He was devoted to the cause of the South during the war, as he believed in the right to own slaves. He refused to shoe horses for Federal soldiers. He was a short time during the latter part of the war imprisoned in the old Capitol at Washington, as he was suspected of giving aid and information to Southern soldiers. Everything he had was invested in slaves. The war left him penniless. He has since managed to make a meagre living from blacksmithing. He never married, because he could find no woman of his race who was what he considered his equal by birth. He would not permit colored people to visit him.

On Saturday three young men of Millpoint started out with their guns for a shooting expedition, and as they were crossing the bay one of them named John Kimmery had some occasion to lay his gun down on the ice. By some means its contents were discharged into the young man's side, some of the shot going right through him. Dr. Newton attended and removed the charge. His recovery is rather doubtful.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—Has an off-hand way with it—A circular saw.

—Motto for grocers—Honest tea is the best policy.

—The railroad flagman does a flourishing business.

—Wheels will be given a rest for some time to come.

—A man may be like a piano—upright yet not grand.

—A company proposes to render the Don navigable for large craft.

—The man who loses his temper should never boss a newspaper.

—The man who has no family generally wins the turkey in a raffie.

—Different coals vary 30 per cent. in their power as to producing steam.

—What should a clergyman preach about?—About a quarter of an hour.

—Tuneful lyre—A music teacher who does not keep his engagements.

—The actor who makes a stage kiss warm simply fails in being a hypocrite.

—An exchange rightly thinks that the present times and pastimes are closely linked.

—Open work jerseys, to be worn over silk waists, are the newest products of the jersey fever.

—Shakespeare knew all about doctors. He said: "How poor are they that have not patience!"

—Cedar shavings, lump camphor and stone brimstone help to keep moths and mildew from closets.

—It is well to remember that poems accompanied by new subscriptions the editor will read—anyway.

—To a writer of novels life is but "a storied ear," but many novel-writers make "an animated bust."

—Another "blizzard" is said to be on the way from the west. Is there no way of making these visitors "go west?"

—He came in the other day, and taking a seat at a desk, asked, "Well, what shall I write about?" The editor told him he had better right about face.

—A red-headed man recently attended a masquerade wrapped from his neck to his heels in a brown cloth and with his head bare. He represented a lighted cigar.

—Rejected lovers need never despair. There are four and twenty hours in a day, and not a moment in the twenty-four in which a woman may not change her mind.

—A poet asks in thirty-two lines "What do the trees say?" If he were to recite his poetry under several trees, we don't believe they would say anything. They would leave.

—An English magazine discourses on "Cheap Girls." It says: "No young man, not even the worst, wants anything to do with a cheap young lady." This is a mistake. No matter how cheap a girl may be, her young man always thinks she is a "little dear."

—For a good or easily made pudding sauce take one tablespoonful of butter, two tablespoonfuls of flour, two thirds of a cup of sugar. Pour hot water over these, stir well and boil until thick; flavor with lemon, wine or nutmeg and a tablespoonful of vinegar.

—The Grand Trunk Railway Company have petitioned Parliament for the passing of an act to prevent the purchasing of passenger tickets which have been sold and used, but not marked, and fraudulently reselling them to intending passengers at rates less than the proper fare.

—A gentleman who was about to marry a beautiful widow of 30 almost quarrelled with her about the church in which they should have the ceremony performed. The lady became somewhat indignant and said, "I have always been married in the Presbyterian Church, and, I tell you, I always shall be."

A correspondent wishes to know whether it is in the interest of healthy hearing to wear the closed-up ear muffs in cold weather. We do not know, but he might try a pair of openwork horse collars. And, you know, when you put on a horse collar you must turn it upside down, so that it will go on easily.

—Mr. H. H. Warner, of Rochester, offers a prize of \$200 for each new comet discovered by American astronomers. The offer is to hold good for one year. Hamilton amateur skaters should put in a bid for the prize. They see millions of new stars every time they fall on the ice; surely they could discover a comet or two.

"I'll take your arm, Miss Ada, please, Good faith I've need to cling to."

"Good faith, indeed!" said she, "but then, My arm is not the thing to impart you that!" Responded he, "With lips that never denied her, Good faith is bona fide, girl, And this is bone of Ida."

—A wise man, says the London World, weighs the value of his friends not by what they might have done for him, but by what they have omitted to do against him; and it adds that in thinking of enemies one should be thankful that they have spared one often, rather than be vindictive because they have assailed one occasionally.

Miscellaneous.

Yokohama advices of December 24th state that a judge of Tokio named Saiban, who was assassinated in the street of the capital on the 17th of December, in revenge for the death of the assassin's father fifteen years ago.

A city of Mexico despatch of Dec. 28th says that last accounts there was not a pound of flour in Tampico. A cargo is anxiously expected from New Orleans. It is feared the whole cotton crop in the state of Durango has been destroyed. The cold weather in Chihuahua surpasses anything within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. There has been ice in Poso del Norte two inches thick. Augustine Alcerria was murdered last Monday by a servant. Yellow fever has almost completely disappeared from Vera Cruz. A severe storm at Mazatlan caused considerable damage.

A Hong-Kong despatch of December 13th says the failure of the negotiations respecting the Kuldja treaty causes a belief that hostilities may occur on the frontier at any moment. China has made extensive preparations for war, but will suffer greatly through lack of discipline and want of organization. It is stated that she intends in the event of hostilities to lay down torpedoes at the entrance of all the treaty ports.