

LATE NEWS NOTES.

The Dublin Trials—The War Cloud—A Fenian Torpedo.

Mr. Edward Shiel has become whip of the Irish party, not Mr. O'Connor as previously announced.

Mr. Kettle, an ex-suspect, has seceded from the Parnellite party.

Louise Michel is held for trial at the next assizes on a charge of inciting to riot. She will conduct her own defence.

It having been discovered that an area in Central Asia is suitable for the production of cotton, the Orenburg Russians are preparing to make the experiment.

Twenty-one of the twenty-four members of the South Russian Workmen's Federation, recently sentenced in Odessa to long terms for Nihilism, have petitioned the Czar for a mitigation of their sentence.

In the trial of Daniel Curly, charged with participating in the murder of Lord F. Cavendish and Mr. Burke, the judge's charge was strongly against the reliability of the evidence to prove the *alibi*. The judge said there could not be the slightest doubt that the murders were perpetrated at the instigation of the secret societies with which the prisoner was indisputably connected.

The prisoner being asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced on him, replied that he had not expected any mercy from the Court; it was very unfortunate that the Irish bench was never without a Norbury or a Keogh. He admitted that he was a member of the "Invincibles," but declared he was not in Phoenix Park on the evening the murder was committed. He loved his country, and could suffer for her. He declared that the witnesses for the Crown perjured themselves. He also said he was a Fenian. As the officers were taking the prisoner from the dock he shouted "God Save Ireland."

McNulty, arrested at Wakefield recently on suspicion of being a Fenian, has been let go.

The Home Office has issued a circular directing the attention of local authorities to the importance of vigilant observation to prevent persons getting possession of explosives and materials from which explosives are made. A reward of a hundred pounds is offered for information leading to the discovery of any person engaged in the illegal manufacture of explosives.

In the House of Commons a motion introduced by Mr. Pell (Conservative) in favor of an immediate reform of local taxation, was only rejected by 217 to 229. An amendment was accepted by the Government postponing the consideration of reform measures until the whole question of local government was dealt with. The closeness of the division on Mr. Pell's motion was loudly cheered by the Tories.

The *Nord Deutsche Zeitung*, of Berlin, replying to the comments of the French press, says if the monarchy be restored in France, it is not very likely Germany would declare war forthwith. She would probably await action by France, which would soon be made, as, under certain contingencies, a restored monarchy could probably be induced to declare war on Germany without warning.

Forty-eight cities and towns in Illinois voted upon the liquor question; seventeen declared for prohibition or anti-license and thirty-one for license. Of the latter six were for high license.

It has been decided to formally open the East River Bridge in New York on May 24th.

The House of the Connecticut Legislature has passed a bill giving counsel for defendants in criminal cases the right to the closing argument to the jury.

There are at least five thousand Italian workmen out of employment in New York. Mulberry and Crosby streets are thronged with them, and additions are made to their numbers from every steamer which arrives from Italy.

The United States Treasury Department has made preparation for the enforcement of the law passed at the last session to prevent the importation of adulterated, spurious or exhausted teas.

In the Michigan Senate the joint resolution proposing a prohibitory amendment to the Constitution was recently agreed to in Committee of the Whole, but subsequently laid on the table.

At a recent municipal election in Flint, Mich., three ladies were elected members of the School Board, some 100 or more women voting. The old board has referred the matter to the Attorney-General for his decision, and much excitement is caused thereby. It will probably go to the Supreme Court.

The Arkansas Constitution contains a clause which provides that "No person who denies the being of a God shall hold any office in the civic department of this State, nor be competent to testify as a witness in any court;" and a movement is on foot to enforce it against Mayor Foster, of Texarkana, on the ground that he is an atheist and has no title to his office.

J. P. Holland, the inventor of the torpedo ram (which has been lying in Pampano, N. J., for several days); Mr. Gilbert, the engineer, and the "crew" have been busy making final preparations for the departure of the Fenian "navy." A few personal friends of the inventor witnessed some interesting experiments. It is expected that this novel engine, which has been constructed for the destruction of British ships, will leave her present moorings for "parts unknown."

The Grand Jury in Washington have returned indictments against William P. Kellogg, for receiving money whilst a United States Senator, and Thos. J. Brady, for receiving money whilst Second Assistant Postmaster-General, for services rendered in relation to contracts with the United States.

George Albert Mason, recently released from Albany Penitentiary, to which he was sentenced on a charge of counterfeiting, had filed a claim against the United States with the British Legation in Washington for \$50,000 damages. Mason claims to be a Canadian and his conviction, at the instance of the United States secret service, malicious persecution. The chief of the secret service says Mason's claim is preposterous.

It was expected that Herr John Most, the Socialist, would meet the delegates of

the Federation of Labor in Washington on Tuesday night, for the purpose of interchanging views on the labor question. Most waited at the hotel to be sent for, but a stormy debate occurred in the Federation, starting from the book-binders' Union, some expressing fears that questions of dynamite and violence would be brought up should such meeting take place. The discussion ended in disruption, caused by outspoken expressions of "Know-nothingism," the Federation being about equally divided between native born and foreigners.

At the London Assizes, Mr. McDougal, the Crown counsel, said he had had before him certain depositions in the case against James F. and J. A. Mahon, but, owing to the state in which he found the case, he did not propose at present allowing it to go before the grand jury. He would, therefore, ask His Lordship to allow the defendants to go out on their own recognizances. The application was granted.

Mr. William Gillespie, who for a number of years has held the position of chief landing waiter at Hamilton, will receive the appointment of collector at the Port of Dundas on May 1st. The position of landing waiter will be filled by Mr. Herbert L. Dias.

The Prince of Wales's new railway carriage is a marvel of æsthetic decoration. It is fifty feet long, and contains a saloon, study, two bedrooms, two dressing rooms, and a bath room. The Prince's bedroom is hung with old gold silk, and the furniture is upholstered to match. Mirrors are set into the door panels, and the whole suite can be lighted either by candles or by electricity. The prince pays for its use. It was first used on his Royal Highness's recent journey to Berlin.

How a Monkey Blushes.

Mr. Darwin remarks the fact noticed by Mr. Sutton, that the face of the *Macacus rhesus* when much enraged, grows red. Mr. Darwin himself saw the face of this monkey redder when attacked by another monkey, and he also adds that the "seat-pads" also seemed to redden under the influence of anger, although he could not "positively assert that this was the case." My monkey Jenny, when in a rage, blushed most distinctly. A red hue shot over and obscured the normal yellow tint of the skin of the face, and I noticed that the "seat-pads" occasionally also grew redder. Another curious fact concerning this monkey's behavior when enraged consisted in the variations she exhibited when she was irritated by myself and by another person. If irritated by another person she behaved as already described; she shook the cage and chattered while her face flushed like that of a human being in anger. If, on the other hand, I had occasion to reprove her, she darted down to the bottom of the cage, lay down on her belly, and, as often as not, concealed her face in the straw. The analogy between that ineffective or suppressed rage in a human being, which is shown by the person throwing himself down on the ground—a feature seen familiarly in some children—and the behavior of Jenny, under my reproof, appears to me to be too exact to escape notice. Paddy, the Capuchin, or the contrary, when enraged or frightened, used to retire to a corner of the cage and stand on his head, uttering, meanwhile, the most plaintive cries in the well-known shrill but musical voice of the race. On one occasion, when a servant had allowed Paddy to imbibe nearly half a glassful of champagne, he showed his alcoholic dissipation by standing inebriated on his head and vainly endeavoring to emit his familiar cry. Mr. Darwin mentions the case of a young female chimpanzee who, when enraged, "presented a curious example to a child in the same state. She screamed loudly with widely open mouth, the lips being retracted, so that the teeth were fully exposed. She threw her arms wildly about, sometimes clasping them over her head. She rolled on the ground, sometimes on her back, sometimes on her belly, and bit everything within reach."—*The Gentleman's Magazine*.

The Diamond Kattlesnake.

Of all the snake varieties of which we have yet any knowledge the diamond snake, as it is called, seems to be the most deadly. It grows to a length of 6 feet or 7 feet, and is somewhat thicker than a man's wrist. It is armed with the whitest and sharpest of fangs, nearly an inch in length, with cisterns of liquid poison at their base. A terror to man and beast, he turns aside from no one, although he will not go out of his way to attack any unless pressed by hunger. A description of his movements by a traveller who has encountered him states that he moves quietly along, his gleaming eyes seeming to emit a greenish light, and to shine with as much brilliancy as the jewels of a finished coquette. Nothing seems to escape his observation, and on the slightest movement near him he swings into his fighting attitude, raising his upper jaw and erecting his fangs, which in a state of repose lie closely packed in the soft muscles of his mouth. This snake is not so active as the famous copper-head of North America, nor so quick to strike, but one blow is almost always fatal. His fangs are so long that they penetrate deep into the muscles and veins of his victim, who has little time for more than a single good bye before closing his eyes for ever. In one instance the fangs were found to be seven-eighths of an inch in length, and though not thicker than a common sewing needle they were perforated with a hole through which the greenish yellow liquid could be forced in considerable quantities, and each of the sacs contained about half a teaspoonful of the most terrible and deadly poison.—*London Times*.

The Very Oldest.

There is a tree in Windsor Forest, England, "the King Oak," which is known to be a thousand years old. But the very oldest tree in the world, so far as can be ascertained, is the Bo Tree, of the sacred city of Amarapura, Burmah. It was planted 228 B. C., and is, therefore, now 2,170 years old. It is referred to in historic domestic documents 182 A. D., and 283 A. D. According to tradition it is the tree under which Buddha reclined when he underwent his apotheosis. Its leaves are deemed sacred, and the tree is never cut with a knife, while the leaves which fall from it are religiously preserved for charms.

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

FIVE MINUTES' SELECT READING.

Summary of Foreign, Domestic and War Items—Concise, Pithy and Pointed.

DOMESTIC.

The streets of Montreal were covered with snow about three inches deep one day last week.

The Ottawa City Council intend presenting an address to Princess Louise.

Charles Lancier fell down an elevator at the Ottawa hotel at Montreal and was probably fatally injured.

Captain Weston, of Halifax, has accepted the position of second officer in command of the Wimbledon team.

A ten year old son of Mr. Calixte Thibault, joiner, of L'Islet, was drowned in a water course while returning from school.

Claude Lister, for shooting with intent, was sentenced at the Welland Assizes to seven years in the provincial penitentiary.

The once famous Indian runner, White Eagle, is now in Kingston and a convert of the Salvation Army. He is addressing meetings.

Further charges of corruption were lodged in court at Montreal against the Hon. Mr. Mousseau in connection with his late elections.

There is talk of building a new modern theatre at Quebec, on the site of the Provan property, recently destroyed by fire in St. John st.

Mr. James McShane has been served with a summons for bribing a carter to vote for him at the late contest in St. Ann's ward, Montreal, for alderman.

The trial of the case of the Bank of Toronto for refusal to pay the Quebec Government tax has been commenced before Judge Rainville.

A respectably connected young man named Rivier, who acts as an insurance broker was sentenced at Quebec to four months' hard labor for obtaining money under false pretences.

UNITED STATES.

A legislative dead-lock is reported in the Illinois State Legislature.

The late Francis S. Street, of the *New York Weekly*, left an estate valued at over \$1,200,000.

The count of money in the United States Treasury has been completed. The total sum counted was \$467,378,000.

Ninety million feet of lumber are being driven down the Connecticut river, Vt. It is the biggest drive on record.

The anniversary of the battle of Concord and Lexington was observed at those places by the firing of cannon.

In view of the reported restlessness of several Indian tribes, the war department is preparing to suppress any outbreak.

Immense fires in the Pennsylvania coal mines are becoming frequent. A colliery at Locustdale has been burning for two years.

The cow boys who struck on ranches in the "Pan-handle," Texas, for an advance of wages, and who threaten trouble, number 300.

After further testimony showing the revolting practices at the Tewksbury almshouse, the investigation was adjourned.

During a storm at Williamsport, Pa., recently, two boats with a number of workmen capsized in the river, and four were drowned.

The railroads charge \$100,000 for transporting the Australian mails across the continent. The Government pays this and is repaid by Great Britain.

Mr. Elda K. Trader, who spent \$100,000 of her own money in aiding the wounded soldiers during the rebellion, now lives in poverty in Asheville, N. C.

Secretary Frelinghuysen exchanged with the Spanish Minister for ratification of the trade mark and extradition treaties between the United States and Spain.

In the Star Route trial recently, Col. Ingersoll referred in scathing terms to the Brady trial in Ireland. He said Brady was found guilty and sentenced, a motion for a new trial overruled, and all this without recess of court. Such a trial was a scandal.

GENERAL.

The strike of dock labourers at Marseilles is ended.

The Malagasy Envoys have arrived at Hamburg.

A scarcity of bread is expected in Vienna, owing to the bakers' strike.

It is reported that Admiral Baldwin will represent the United States at the coronation of the Czar.

The Italian Government propose to encourage the home culture of tobacco by granting bonuses.

The duration of the triple alliance between Germany, Austria and Italy is said to be for six years.

The Austrian Home Minister has asked the English Government for a copy of its new law relating to explosives.

The barque Peruana from St. John, N. B., for Glasgow, has been passed abandoned and in a water-logged condition.

By an explosion of gunpowder and fireworks in the factory at Bonsetter, Switzerland, four persons were killed.

The trial at St. Petersburg of eighteen prominent Nihilists resulted in the conviction of all. Six were condemned to death.

Sir Stafford Northcote unveiled the statue of Lord Beaconsfield in Parliament Square, London, recently. A large concourse was present.

In the Senate the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs denied that Spain had any misunderstanding with England or any other Power.

Fifty persons were arrested for Nihilism recently at St. Petersburg, including military officers, young ladies, teachers, students, workmen and soldiers.

The municipal authorities of Antwerp have refused to grant a concession to a company desiring to erect grain elevators in the city. The mob attacked the Town Hall with stones.

THE NEWER ARITHMETIC.

A woman placed four pounds of cold meat and eight slices of bread before a tramp. At the end of twenty minutes how much was left?

A young man, by swearing off on cigars, tobacco, and beer, saved thirty cents per day for six months. How many frog suppers would this give him at \$8 per supper?

If it costs \$200 for a young lady to learn painting, and she turns out two landscapes worth 40 cents apiece, what is the net profit?

An Indiana girl trapped eighty-three rabbits and sold them for thirteen cents each. What was the sum total, and how much did she have left after buying her father a \$10 overcoat?

The average woman groans 125 times per hour when suffering with tooth-ache, while the average man utters thirty-five such words every seventy seconds. At the end of three hours how far ahead will the woman be?

A man in Richmond wound up an eight-day clock every night for thirteen straight years. How much time, estimating three minutes for each wind, could he have put in at hoeing corn had he known what sort of a clock he had?

A certain shaft makes 645 revolutions per minute, and a young man is seized by the coat-tails and whirled around for twenty-seven seconds. How many revolutions does he make?

Seven different mothers interested in the heathen of Africa have twenty-nine children between them. Five of the children swear, three have been in the Work-house, two have run away and the police are after four others. What is the remainder, and how much will it cost to hire some one to wash their faces and patch their clothes?

A man winks his eye an average of 80,000 times per day, and a woman's tongue makes 78,000 motions every twenty-four hours. At this rate how long will it take the man to catch up?

ALL SORTS.

Financiering vowels—I. O. U.

A freeze show—Ice cream.

Out on a fly—The insect's wings.

The hire-class—All sorts of laborers.

The greatest composer—Sleep.

Checkers is looked upon as a square game.

The garment of a ghost must be a spirit rapper.

The Jersey mosquito, like charity, begins to hum.

Stage "sticks" barn for the fire of public applause.

Ladies, a piece of advice—Never send your letters by male.

William Tell, as a hero, is played out. A relic of bow-gun days is he.

A fiery novel is light reading. Appetite originated in Hungary.

Should music be sold by the chord? Drum music might be sold by the pound.

A trade paper, called The Corset, is talked of. It will, no doubt, "come to stay."

Assafœtida is now on the free list, there being no American cheese to compete with it.

Many women are spoken of as angels, and Mrs. Noah must have been an angel.

Money is the great enigma of the age. Everybody is compelled to give it up.

The project of raising the lost steamer Cimbrina, has been abandoned for diverse reasons.

The best way to get a man on a string is to touch some tender chord in his bosom.

When a dumb photographer wants to say "yes" to a customer, he merely displays two negatives.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

Never let your zeal outrun your charity.

Whoever has a contented mind has always riches.

Ungratefulness is the very poison of mankind.

No thoroughly occupied man was ever et miserable.

If you would create something, you must be something.

Judge all men from the presumption of their innocence.

To indulge a consciousness of goodness is the way to lose it.

Knavery is supple, and can bend, but honesty is firm and upright and yields not.

In things of the mind we look for no compulsion but that of light and reason.

Be discreet in all things, and so render it unnecessary to be mysterious about any.

No principle is more noble, as there is none more holy, than that of true obedience.

"One soweth, and another reapeth," is a verity that applies to evil as well as good.

He who is the most slow in making a promise is the most faithful in the performance of it.

Everything without tells the individual that he is nothing; everything within persuades him that he is everything.

Nothing makes the world seem so spacious as to have friends at a distance; they make the latitudes and the longitudes.

When the golden rule is employed in governmental matters, then, and not till then, the future of nations will be sure.

Being less annoyed at the defects of others, is one of the best proofs that we are approaching freedom from the defects ourselves.

There is no better ruler than judgment; no safer guardian than justice; no stronger sword than right; no surer ally than truth.

Any coward can fight a battle when he's sure of winning; but give me the man that has pluck to fight when he's sure of losing.

Regal Trappings.

The magnificent mantle which the Czarina will wear at the coming coronation is made of cloth of gold, brodered with armorial bearings embroidered in silk and gems. The crown placed on her head will be the one used at the coronation of the Empress Catherine II. and Elizabeth. Its value is estimated at three millions of rubles, and it is composed of diamonds, rubies, and a large number of pearls. In her sceptre will blaze the great Orloff diamond, which is said to weigh eight carats more than the Koh-i-noor. The procession will consist of thirty-three carriages. That of the Czarina was made at Berlin by the orders of Frederick the Great, and presented by him to the Empress Elizabeth. It is a kind of double throne without springs, but hung on four bands of red velvet. A single window, framed in white satin, forms the front, and the imperial eagles and the crown set in brilliants adorn the panels. It will be drawn by eight white horses, comparisoned with red velvet, and flashing with gold and precious stones.

A Death-Blow.

"I cannot agree with my neighbor," said a citizen as he consulted a lawyer the other day.

"Build a fence fourteen feet high between you," promptly returned the lawyer.

"Yes, but it would shut out all my light."

"Can't you raise your roof so as to make his chimneys smoke?"

"I'm afraid my foundations wouldn't stand it."

"Keep your piano going."

"I do, but he has an organ."

"Set the police after him for his ash-heaps."

"I have too many of my own."

"Let's see—let's see!" mused the puzzled lawyer. "Say, suggest to some of his friends to get up a surprise party on him!"

"By George! I'll do it! That's just the checker! I'll have the thing fixed this very week! Here's your \$5, and I'm much obliged besides. Revenge is mine at last!"

Paying \$12,000 to Prove That He Wasn't the Man.

Henry Hennmann, a wealthy furniture manufacturer in New York City, who was charged about a year ago by Elizabeth Gensler, who had just come from England, with having abandoned after marrying her, but was acquitted, has since been spending a good deal of money in trying to find the real husband. He has at last succeeded, and Mrs. Gensler, when confronted with John Gensler, foreman in the furniture factory of Hollander & Sons, Baltimore, acknowledged that he was her husband. Gensler acknowledged that he had once lived with the woman in London. When he met her he was 21 and she was 45, with several grown children. He does not acknowledge that he was married to her or that he has since married. It is stated that Mr. Hennmann spent \$12,000 in demonstrating his innocence, and at the close of the trial the judge told him that if he had been a poor man he would have gone to State Prison.—*Washington Star*.

A Few Don'ts.

Don't be cross as a bear.

Don't drive the domestic mad.

Don't cry when you break things.

Don't slop too much water around.

Don't roll the piano over your corns.

Don't give the baby the benzine bottle.

Don't run your head through the window.

Don't make a vow never to clean house again.

Don't set your husband's dinner on the bottom of a wash tub.

Don't make a fuss if you find the baby having a bread and molasses party on your white satin pillow. You can't help the sofa pillow, and the baby won't understand what you're going mad about.

Don't try to make ends meet, when the carpet you bought at the auction won't go within two feet of a wall. Buy a border to match it, or move into a smaller house, or get a mason to move the walls to fit it.

A Rumored Wedding.

A good deal is said about the probable marriage of Princess Clementine of Belgium and Prince Albert Victor of Wales. The talked of union, says the *London Truth*, would have its advantages and drawbacks. Among the former is the wealth accumulated by the first and second Leopold. Under the Belgian law the Princess Clementine must inherit a third of the very important dowry which the archduke Joseph gave her mother, and the same share of the paternal fortune, and of that of her Aunt Charlotte. Her great monetary expectations should relieve the House of Commons of the necessity of voting her "a suitable provision." Heretofore the different princes and princesses who arrived from Germany to enter the royal family were unprovided for unless by the British Parliament.

A Strange Story of Real Life.

William Leverich, the driver of Thirty-eight's engine, made the most singular discovery that he had been living in the same town with his sister for three years, but all the time unknown to him, and the accidental occurrence of his name in a newspaper was the means of his making the discovery. Leverich left home about thirteen years ago, and like so many other young men in obeying Horace Greeley's precept to go West, he drifted West and finally to California. He became careless in his correspondence, and for several years his folks did not know where he was. During this time his sister married a gentleman named J. S. Hunt, and three years ago they came to Los Angeles. As Mrs. Hunt did not know of her brother's whereabouts, and he did not know she was married or in California, they did not meet until recently, when Mrs. Hunt accidentally saw her brother's name in the *Herald*.—*Los Angeles (Cal.) Times*.

The Connecticut house has passed a bill forbidding the employment of women or children in factories for more than ten hours in one day.