

THE IRISH QUESTION.

HOW THE PARNELL PARTY WILL HAMPER THE GOVERNMENT IF A HOME RULE MEASURE IS NOT INTRODUCED—WORDS FROM PARNELL AND GLADSTONE.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The Standard says that if the Queen's coming speech does not indicate that the Ministers will introduce a measure for stronger county government in Ireland, Parnell will move an amendment on the address and the Home Rule members will open a discussion at the same time on the action of the Irish executive in the Mamtrasna and Barbarilla trials. Earl Cowper, replying in the Times to Michael Davitt, says he considers Parnell's ascendancy one of the worst features of the Irish difficulty.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Earl Grey, writing to the Times, deprecates the concession of local government to Ireland, as he believes that such power would be made the means of oppressing all who dissent from the doctrines of the National League. The improvement of the condition of the people of Ireland, he says, must be brought about by habits and greater industry. It is the imperative duty of the government to suppress outrages and violations of the law in Ireland, and until that is accomplished all concessions to the Irish people will merely serve, like sweets to children, to stop their crying.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Parnell, in a letter to Eugene Kelly, of New York, says: "The reminiscences which you sent me most timely, and the hearty manner in which your movement is being taken up throughout the union is a source of the utmost gratification, encouraging to my colleagues and myself as well as to the people of Ireland generally. We now hold that position the occupation of which we have always considered to be an indispensable preliminary to the commencement of a successful movement for the restoration of legislative independence to Ireland, and we cannot doubt a happy and speedy issue to the struggle."

LONDON, January 5.—Late last month John Gennings, who is connected with a London news agency which supplies the American press with much English news, wrote a letter to Mr. Gladstone inviting him to visit America. The letter assured Mr. Gladstone that he would be received in America with the warmest welcome, and the writer ventured to express the opinion that a personal investigation of the working of the constitution of the United States on the part of Mr. Gladstone would be productive of most important results, such results as no amount of reading would enable him to attain. Such investigation, it was suggested, would enable him to deal with the question of home rule for Ireland with a far greater degree of confidence. The letter further stated that American generally believed that Mr. Gladstone was the only man able to grapple successfully with this question. In substantiation of this statement a despatch from New York to that effect was enclosed in the letter. A reply to this letter has just been received from Gladstone. It is as follows:—

HAWARDEN, January 4. DEAR SIR,—I could not regard such an invitation as you transmitted to me on the 23rd ult. otherwise than as an invitation requiring my best consideration for a chance that reflection might open to me some way of compliance. I am sorry to report that I have not been able to arrive at this result. My physical strength is not such as would permit me to undertake a voyage to America, and the imperative demands on my time and thought in connection with the present state of public affairs allow no intermission of attention. The invitation itself, however, constitutes a new tie of feeling with America. I shall ever remember it with thankful acknowledgment, while the knowledge that so many friendly eyes are watching the course of events in this country with reference to Ireland will be a new incentive to the performance of patriotic and philanthropic duty.

I remain, dear sir, Your faithful servant, W. E. GLADSTONE.

It is learned on high authority that Mr. Gladstone was disposed to accept the invitation. He is willing to risk his health in a voyage to America, but the political uncertainty has so far prevented him from making the trip. He may possibly be induced to visit the United States in the autumn, after the conclusion of the coming session of Parliament.

KING BILLY IN THE NORTHWEST. To the Editor of THE POST: Sir,—I notice several letters in your very independent and truth telling newspaper, dated at Ottawa, referring to the land agents who have been appointed by the Dominion Government to dispose of the public lands. As I have been travelling on business from the Rockies to Port Arthur nearly all the time that the C.P.R. was being opened for travel, it gave me an opportunity of noticing the class of men who were to be met with at the different places where I stopped to do business, as well as travelling companions. More than half the passengers were land agents, Indian instructors, Mounted Police, contractors, or some other kind of Government employes, whose first business was to ascertain what their business was, their political views, &c. These agents never fail to try and impress on the newly arrived the advantages that it is to belong to the Orange order, the many new lodges that have been organized, &c., and also impress on their minds that the Metis would very soon be got rid of as well as the "Nitches" or Indians; that Manitoba and the North-West would be shortly the most loyal part of British North America. In fact, you are left by these agents or interviewers under the impression that they think the whole great country of over one thousand miles will be a succession of Orange lodges. One of the great gurus or leaders, who resides at Calgary now, lately published a paper at Winnipeg, which enterprise was devoted to forwarding the spread of Christian forbearance in the forming of Orange lodges all through Manitoba and burst by over-exertion. Before his arrival in that new country, he held forth in the City of Ottawa as auctioneer, and proclaiming the pious, glorious and immortal banner of the Orange Order. He is now on the Bow River singing "Rowe, Brother Orangemen, Rowe," enjoying a sing-out at a bad salary—be being a very old friend of McKenzie Bowell, his extra travelling expenses will be initiated by one of the Brotherhood, Tom White, Sir John A. Macdonald or McKenzie Bowell, without hesitation or close enquiry, whether it is right or wrong. You have done well in exposing a portion of the rascality which is going on between Regina and Calgary. I will be going up on another business trip shortly and will send you more information, as I see you don't know half yet.

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THE BURLINGTON WINTER CARNIVAL.

Three members of the Carnival Committee of Burlington, Vermont, are in town for the purpose of obtaining some hints on the procedure to be followed in the names of the visitors are Messrs. N. A. Woodbury, Mayor of Burlington, H. McKillop and Lane. In conversation with one of these gentlemen, a Post representative learned that it is the intention of the Burlington authorities to make as grand a display as possible and a very elaborate programme in connection with the carnival will last from the 15th of January to the 19th. The vicinity of Lake Champlain enables the committee to offer special facilities for tobogganing, coasting, curling, skating and hockey. Matches will be held and handsome prizes offered. In addition there will be held trouting matches on the ice, and fish boat races, snowshoe races, and everything in fact, that can tend to make a complete winter carnival. The town will be illuminated every evening, also the parks and the immediate vicinity of the carnival events. The prizes offered for these competitions are very elaborate, and already the entries are numerous. The arrangements for the carnival are anticipated a great influx of people. As there is good hotel accommodation there will be little difficulty on this score. It has to be seen whether the Canadian winter carnival can be with profit transplanted to the United States. It is being advocated by the Canadian committee of Burlington that Americans will naturally give their patronage to their own country, and that in subsequent years a Montreal Carnival will be checked. But there is an old proverb as to the honor a prophet has in his own country, and in all probability it will be found that the Americans will prefer a Canadian carnival as being more of the genuine article than a limited one. As one gentleman remarked: "A Russian carnival, such as takes place on the Neva, might be imitated in Austria, but it would not be appreciated." Mr. McGibbon, who so ably managed the Canadian carnival, is giving the visitors all the assistance in his power. An effort will be made to cause some Canadian clubs to visit the Carnival. The Post representative was shown a Detroit paper containing the announcement that "Montreal is to have a bigger ice palace than ever this year. It is 112 feet long and 40 feet wide. The palace is really being vaccinated." Then follows a comparison with former palaces. We must go abroad to learn news.

A BLIZZARD ON THE WAY.

FIERCE STORM IN THE NORTHWEST PROGRESSING EASTWARD. LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 7.—Another snow storm began last night and has prevailed all day. Not a great deal of snow has fallen, but it is as fine as dust and drifts badly. There is no sign of abatement. The temperature is below zero and falling. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 7.—A fierce snow and wind storm is raging west of here, and reached Topeka this afternoon, travelling eastward. The mercury is reported to be 15 degrees below zero at Manhattan, Kansas. Large numbers of telegraph poles have been blown down. CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—A fierce snow storm is reported to be raging through the greater portion of Iowa delaying railroad trains and impeding the telegraph. ST. PAUL, Jan. 7.—Specials from Montana and Dakota report that a cold wave with snow is being rapidly eastward, the mercury ranging from 10 to 20 degrees below zero. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 7.—The storm which prevailed all day on the plains is one of the most severe ever known. No trains arrived or departed to-night on the Santa Fe, the Union Pacific or the Burlington & Missouri river roads. Telegraphic communication with points west is greatly interrupted.

CRAZED WITH RELIGION.

AN ILLINOIS REVIVALIST WHO IS SCANNING THE DANVILLEITES. DANVILLE, Ill., Jan. 7.—John Swisher, a coal miner and Methodist minister, is holding a series of revival meetings in this city and has brought the people up to a high pitch of excitement. Four members of a family named Allen have become insane, and many others are in danger of losing their minds. Swisher is a man of massive physique and strength. He froths at the mouth, jumps over the pulpit, walks on the front seats and says he will shake sinners over an open hell, so that they can appreciate the climate in heaven.

DELIBERATE SUICIDE.

A PROMINENT NEW JERSEY ENGINEER TAKES HIS LIFE. TRENTON, N.J., Jan. 7.—John G. Stevens, President of the United New Jersey Railroad and Canal Company, killed himself here yesterday afternoon. He was making arrangements to start for West Virginia to inspect some coal lands there, and said he thought he had better take his revolver along, and took out the pistol. A friend who was with him advised him to put it away, and left the room, when he heard the sound of a shot and a heavy fall. Some of the clerks ran into the President's room and found Mr. Stevens' body lying on the floor, face upward. The cause of the wound leaves little doubt that the case is one of deliberate suicide. Mr. Stevens had apparently stood up, and holding the revolver in his right hand against his head, had sent a ball straight through the brain. He was about 65 years old. He was a nephew of the celebrated Edwin A. Stevens, of Hoboken, N.J., and was himself one of the most distinguished canal engineers in the country. In the days of the Camden and Amboy region in New Jersey he was a power in the state. He was the engineer who laid out most of the roads of that company, and was president of the Delaware and Raritan Canal Company. After the Pennsylvania leased the Camden and Amboy he was made president of the position being chiefly nominal. Of late he has been known principally for his connection with American capitalists to inspect the de Los Rios canal, and returned a year ago with a report condemning it, and declaring the Nicaragua route the best. Mr. Stevens' family has been one of great prominence, socially and financially. He, however, has of recent years been reported to be in embarrassed circumstances. Something over a year ago he was found nearly suffocated with gas in a room in Sixth avenue, New York. Once before, it is said, he took an overdose of chloral and nearly died. Two of his brothers are said to have been inmates of insane asylums.

TRINITY'S TENEMENTS.

NEW YORK'S RICH CHURCH THE OWNER OF THE FILTHIEST DENS IN THE CITY. NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—At a meeting of the Constitution club in this city Dr. A. K. Gunn made a report on the condition of the tenement houses of New York. He said Trinity church was the owner of the worst tenement houses in the city and was the meanest landlord. The policy of the Trinity church corporation was never to make repairs on tenements they own, but to let them actually fall to pieces, until no one, however wretched, can live in them. Then the corporation tears it down and builds a store, warehouse or expensive flat house, but it never spends money to improve the condition of the poor. The building at No. 34 Light street is owned by Trinity church; it is in

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