

EXPLOSION IN DUBLIN CASTLE.

Speculations as to its Cause—The Office of the Finance Department Wrecked.

Is it a Fenian Movement?—True Irishmen Fear Repressive Measures in Consequence.

DUBLIN, Dec. 31.—The financial office of Dublin Castle was wrecked by an explosion, early this morning. Fortunately no one was hurt, but the occurrence has caused the wildest excitement throughout the city.

The following particulars have been furnished by Mr. Callinan, the Chief of the Finance Department, had just left his room, intending to be absent a few moments, when a tremendous explosion occurred in the rear of the building.

Several minutes before the explosion was wrecked, but for which a number of lives would have undoubtedly been lost. A hasty examination of the position of the building in which the explosion occurred revealed the fact that the floors and ceilings of two storeys had been blown to pieces, and some of the beams and joists were blown from their places and blown into small pieces.

Several miraculous escapes from death are recorded upon the part of the clerks and others employed at the building. Numerous stories are advanced as to the cause of the explosion, the castle officials expressing the opinion that a leakage of gas had caused the trouble, while outside the building the great majority of persons attributed it to dynamite and the Fenian party.

The police were reluctant in the matter, but instituted a full investigation. Mr. Chas. Cameron, the government inspector of explosives, was called, and after a careful examination of the wrecked portion of the building, declared that there is no reason to doubt that gun powder or gun cotton was the explosive used.

This announcement gives strength to the rumors already circulated and increases the number of wild stories told in connection with the affair. It is only a portion of them are founded on truth. Dublin is to be shaken up by more than one such disaster, and the terrorism of the wild days of the Fenian Brotherhood, which London may be said to have trembled in her shoes, are to be revived on a much larger scale.

The old physical force party has determined to show the Government that it is still alive, and to back up both the members of the Liberal party and of the Conservative party. The Fenian party has been placed on the Fenian party with evidence of the fact that Ireland will no longer consent under the present state of affairs.

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The Government Steamer Quadra Arrives at San Francisco—A Remarkably Quick Passage.

Sir John Thompson Gives the Statement of Organizer Preston a Flat Denial.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Sir John Thompson says that Organizer Preston's statement that the Government promised the Connollys to withdraw the prosecution against Sir John Thompson is a manifestly false statement. The Marine Department has been notified that the Government steamer Quadra has arrived at San Francisco, 16 days out.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Murder by Drunken Indians at Green Point—Sloop Swamped—Two Men Drowned.

A Surrey Rancher Feared to be the Victim of Foul Play—Held Up.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Jan. 2.—Steamer Stedeker returned from Bickley Bay, Thurlow Island, this morning, with Dr. McLaughlin and Governor Moresby, who went north to hold an inquiry into the body of the man Small, who was drowned two weeks ago.

The inquiry was held at Green Point, on December 24th, while a number of witnesses were on a drunken spree, and liquor supplied them by white men. The officers heard of it while at Bickley Bay, and proceeded to Green Point, where they were met by the body of the murdered man, which resulted in a verdict charging Son Shee with murder, and an unknown Indian with being an accessory.

SCIENCE OR A SELLY JOKE.

The Strange Story Mr. Lukov Tells of His Experience as a Medium.

His Friends Proclaim the Test a Huge Practical Joke.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Jan. 2.—A Surrey rancher named Pickard came to this city, three weeks ago, and sold a piece of property for which he received \$200 in cash. After spending half of this sum in Christmas purchases, he got drunk, and was put aboard the ferry to cross the river, on roads for home. His friends, who were permitted to be present at the experiments, among his acquaintances is a young man named Myers, born in the same faith, but who professes himself an unbeliever in the existence of God or spirits, or anything incapable of being demonstrated by the use of the natural sciences.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Reception at Bernhardt. Montreal, Jan. 2.—Louis Bernhardt, the famous actor, who is on his way to the West, was received at the Grand Hotel, in honor of Madame Bernhardt. The actress and her party were met by a large number of admirers, and the party was most enjoyable.

THE THUNDER HILL MINE.

Progress Report No. 5 Shows Prospects to be Bright. The Thunder Hill mine, which has been worked for some time, is showing signs of being a rich one. The progress report No. 5 shows that the mine is producing a large amount of gold, and that the prospects are very bright.

MANAGER BOSMER.

He is Wined and Made the Object of a Frolic at Montreal. Montreal, Jan. 2.—Mr. Charles Bosmer, the manager of the Commercial Cable Company, was the guest of honor at a dinner given at the Hotel de Ville, in Montreal, on the evening of the 1st inst. The dinner was given in honor of Mr. Bosmer, and was attended by a large number of guests.

Another Interview.

Washington, Dec. 31.—From rather than Mrs. W. was the reigning deity about the State, War and Navy departments to-day. All the prominent officials who could be spared from their desks, accompanied the Secretary to the wedding of Miss Rosalind Sherman, daughter of the General Sherman, at noon. In consequence there was a dearth of information respecting the Chilean situation.

SUNDAY CLOSING.

The Licensed Vintners of the City Reluctantly Submit, and Enter a Vigorous Kick.

They Will Close Their Doors To-Day, but Sunday Next Will See Them Open.

A meeting of the Licensed Vintners' Association was held in the Bank Exchange, yesterday afternoon, and was very largely attended, but the doors were closed to all but the regular license holders. An Act of the Provincial Legislature, closing licensed premises at eleven o'clock on Saturday night and all day on Sunday, was passed during last session, and after a protracted debate, it was decided that the new law should not come into force until January 1st, 1892.

THEY MUST BE DEAD.

The Almost Certain Fate of a Party of Snugglers and Eight of Their Victims. Last Saturday night, at eight o'clock, a sloop was run up in a cove at the head of the spit of land that forms the southeast entrance to Esquimalt harbor. As she was pushed off into the water an hour afterwards she contained the following passengers: Gung Hing, smuggler; Wang Sing, smuggler; Mah Sing, smuggler; Wong Sing, smuggler; Lee Ah Jack, coolie; Pong Ah Lee, coolie; Wang Sing, smuggler; Lee Ah Jack, coolie; Pong Ah Lee, coolie; Wang Sing, smuggler; Lee Ah Jack, coolie; Pong Ah Lee, coolie.

The above party had been gathered together after about two weeks' work, by Wah King and Lee Ung Tung, one of the best and well known smugglers. The six coolies had up to the time of their departure, lived in the shack designated as No. 9, Fingard street, and the two women, who were sent of the party of eight before being mysteriously spirited away from the Fingard street shack, at No. 9, Fingard street, were from the same street. One was thirteen years old and the other seventeen.

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