SUMMARY OF NEWS.

BY ALLAN STEAMER.

From Liverpool, Aug. 16th.

SCOTCH AND IRISH PEERAGES.

A Parliament paper shows that the number of Scotch peerages on the Union roll is 105, of which nine are represented by peers having higher titles, and forty-five by English peers, peers of Great Britain, or peers of the United Kingdom. Of the remainder eighteen are dormant or extinct, and three are represented by females, thus leaving thirty-four peers to take part in the elections; and of these sixteen are representative peers of Scotland, viz., the Marquis of Queensberry, the Marquis of Tweeddale, Earl of Morton, Earl of Home, Earl of Strathmore, Earl of Lauderdale, Earl of Airlie, Earl of Leven and Melville, Earl of Selkirk, Earl of Orkney, Viscount Strathallan, Lord Saltoun, Lord Sinclair, Lord Elphinstone, Lord Gifford of Culross, and Lord Blantyre. There are remaining the following eighteen peers of Scotland without seats in Parliament:—Earl of Buchan, Earl Perth, Earl of Kellie, Earl of Haddington, Earl of Cavanesh, Earl of Dysart, Earl of Northesk, *Earl of Dunmuir, Viscount Arbuthnot, Lord Forbes, Lord Herries, Lord Borthwick, Lord Torphichen, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Rosslyn, Lord Blithwood, Lord Rathven, and Lord Polwarth.

Of the peerage of Ireland there are two dukes, eleven marquises, sixty-six earls, thirty-eight viscounts, and sixty-eight barons. Of the total, 186, there are eighty who are peers of England, Great Britain, or the United Kingdom, leaving 105 peers who are peers of Ireland only, and of these twenty-eight are representative peers, leaving seventy-seven Irish peers without seats in the House of Lords.

FROM THE NEW WORLD TO THE OLD.

The Manchester *Guardian* says that Messrs. R. Neill & Sons, of that city, are satisfied with the results of their recent experiment in employing carpenters on the American continent, that they will carry on the same process vigorously. The preference will be given to single men, those who will accepted without tools and good references. Messrs. Neill advance the passage money ($36), which has to be refunded on the sum of 75s per week, to be deducted from wages. Six months is the stated term of employment, and the wages are 37s an week.

MR. JENKINS, M. P., AND MR. GALLAN, M. P.

The following correspondence has been published:—"Carlton Club, Pall Mall, August 17, 1877.—Sir, I have been called to a letter in the Dundee Advertiser of July 20th, in which you have thought fit to make statements in reference to myself. If you do not promptly disavow, and retract, one is self-defence to consider myself at full liberty to publish the correspondence and letters of yours to me.—I am, sir, yours, PHILIP GALLAN." "E. Jenkins, Esq., M. P., 20, Southwell Gardens, S. W., August 10th, 1877.—Sir,—In reply to your note of yesterday, inviting me, under a threat of publishing private communications made to you before or during my first contest in Dundee, to 'promptly disavow' what was the effect my answer to a false charge brought by you against me in the House of Commons, viz., that 'I had dishonourably broken my pledges to my constituents,' I have to decline to entertain your proposition. —I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant, EDWARD JENKINS. Philip Callan, Esq., M. P."

"FOLEY."

Mr. G. A. Sala writes in the *Illustrated News*:—"Give it 'em 'ot, Foley!" Such was the beneficent advice of Mr. Plimsoll, which was addressed by the mob in Bow street lately, when Mr. Foley, the eminent barrister, who is retained by the Crown to prosecute the three detectives, arrived at the Court. "Give it 'em 'ot, Foley!" The criminal classes are very fond of thus affectionately familiar phrases to the agents and ministers of the law. Mr. Montague Williams is, I believe, habitually termed "Monty" by ladies and gentlemen, who have been "in trouble," or who deserve to be in it; Mr. George Lewis, jun., is usually termed "Jimmy" by his friends, and I have heard (in Whitechapel) Mr. Baron Bramwell qualified as "Bram," in unorthodox fashion, by a disciple of the shorthorns. The Southern "as consisted of 190 sewn 'ands" different in frame and man jambs. These realised 9d. The Duke of Manchester was a buyer. Sixty shearling ewes realised 10 gs each, a shearling ram 18 gs, and an aged ram 31 gs. The final resignation of Mr. Foley.

At the Police Court, Bristol, three married women, named Sabrina Cole, Susan Phelps, and Ellen Cole, were charged with an assault on James Cook, a commercial traveller in the employment of the Lydney Gorge Stone Company. The complainant called at a cottage, when the defendants, dragging him into the house, forced him to drink a tar kettle and smothered his face and saturating a rag with tar, wrapped it round his neck. The prisoners had a lot of boys there pelted him with turf and stones. They were fined 10s each and dismissed.

The Registrar-General's return for the week ending 11th inst., shows 6,357 births and 3,204 deaths in London and the twenty-two other large towns of the United Kingdom. The mortality was at the annual rate of 21 per 1,000 annually. The rates were:—London, Edinburgh, Newcastle, and Norwich, 20; Bristol, 21; Leeds, 22; Norwich, Sheffield, and Plymouth, 17; Bradford, 18; Sunderland, 19; Salford, Birmingham, and Leeds, 21; Portsmouth, Bristol, and Nottingham, 22; Manchester and Salford, 23; Oldham, 24; Preston, 25; Wolverhampton, 27; Leicester, 34. The deaths from smallpox were 25, of which 20 were in London.

The Cambridge magistrates have inflicted a fine of £5 upon Mr. John Yeomans, in that borough, for selling adulterated soda water. The public analyst certified that the samples he analysed contained no arsenic or antimony, but 0-16 grains of copper in the gallon, and also a minute quantity of lead. In his opinion the use of copper vessels for mixing and keeping soda water was injurious to health. Defendant said he was not the manufacturer; the vessels were tin-lined so as to avoid contamination, and he did not know how the copper got into the water. In his sense of soda, the people did not require a chemical compound, and he manufactured the water with and without soda, to suit their requirements. It was pointed out that defendant should not have sold the article for soda water.

A curious theatrical case has been before the Vienna Law Courts. The actress, Madlaph Loewe, one of the theatrical critics of the *Neue Freie Presse* received a letter from Fraulein Bertha Olma, requesting the loan of a hundred florins, and requesting him to send them to her at Prague by return post. Herr Loewe, under a threat of publishing private communications made to you before or during my first contest in Dundee, to "promptly disavow" what was the effect my answer to a false charge brought by you against me in the House of Commons, viz., that "I had dishonourably broken my pledges to my constituents,' I have to decline to entertain your proposition. —I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant, EDWARD JENKINS. Philip Callan, Esq., M. P."

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