

the government stipendiary, the local magistrates, the police, the rival mobs nor the influential citizens of Belfast, can be held to be blameless on the face of affairs. However, the heavier share of the responsibility must fall on the Protestant masses. They may plead provocation, but they boasted of their loyalty. They are in the majority and have no reason to fear violence at the hands of the Catholics, and, moreover, they are practically victorious."

In another article, the *Times* says:—"The riots in Belfast have almost risen to the height of civil war. It is imperative that the Government use all the power at its disposal to restore order. If the Conservative Ministers show weakness in such a situation, it will be all over with the Government in Ireland."

The *Daily Telegraph* says:—"It almost appears as if the civil war predicted as the result of Mr. Gladstone's proposals had already commenced. In one way the shocking events are a useful lesson. They reveal what a precipice we neared when there seemed a chance of Mr. Gladstone's bill passing."

It appears now that Archbishop Walsh and other Irish leaders hold that Gladstone's Home Rule Bill was only a first instalment of endless Irish Claims. This opens the eyes of many Liberals.

A great Irish-American Convention has been held at Chicago in support of Home Rule. Mr. Egan says they sent \$320,000 to Ireland since last Convention to aid Parnell.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT is probably preparing a sensible Bill giving limited local government to England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, so as not at all to weaken the Imperial Government and Union.

It is stated that the object of the trip of Sir Charles Tupper across the Atlantic is to consult with the Dominion Government regarding the proposal to subsidize a line of steamers from Vancouver to Japan, the transmission of the mails over the Canadian Pacific lines, the proposition to make the Colonial and Indian Exhibition a permanent institution, and other matters. The announcement that the British postal authorities are in favor of the Canadian Pacific route, and that the Imperial Government favor the subsidizing of a line of steamers, will be good news to Canadians, and bears out the prediction of Sir John Macdonald that our transcontinental line will be the means of making the Dominion a great and rapidly growing country.

THE latest news that has come to us from Japan is that a National Convention of the Buddhist priests there has decided to send

Buddhist missionaries to Europe and America. We see in this, conclusive proof of the hold Christian missions are taking in that country. The Buddhists see that a Missionary Church is the only Church that has any hope of life or growth. And they are right. The sooner all Christian Churches discern the same truth the better for themselves and the world.

TERRIBLE and shocking news comes from Bulgaria, that a treacherous clique of Russian agitators seduced a troop of soldiers, and, attacking the palace by night, seized Prince Alexander of Bulgaria, tried to force him to abdicate under threats of death, then drove him from his throne and his kingdom; and on their vile knees begged protection from Russia! Britain and America and the world are horrified at such villainy. Homes and chambers MUST be safe, cost what it may!

A shudder of relief and stern joy and hope runs through the world, by the later news that the Bulgarian people and army have risen in loyal wrath and thrust the vile clique of revolutionaries into prison, and called back their good Prince Alexander, declaring themselves ready to fight and die for him! God prosper them!

SAMUEL J. TILDEN, the great Democratic Chief of New York, has died, bequeathing his vast fortune of \$5,000,000 chiefly to Public Uses and Charities.

THERE are now 7,000,000 of negroes in the Southern States, and among 1,400,000 voters, 1,221,000 cannot read or write. The Presbyterian Church has a prosperous mission among the freedmen, and added last year 1,630 communicants in 200 stations.

THE UNITED STATES SENATE has voted against taking up consideration of the extradition treaty lately arranged between Great Britain and the United States executive. This means that the treaty is buried probably for good. We are now prepared for another select assortment of abuse from the United States press for receiving United States defaulters and criminals.

The attitude of the United States towards us is curious. They will not have a new Fisheries Treaty with us, yet squeal about things as they stand. They will not have a revised extradition treaty, and yet rave about the bank cashiers who come over with bank cash. They will not have reciprocity or commercial union, and yet denounce our protective duties as malicious and unneighborly. There is a sort of dog-in-the-manger air just now about our cousins across the line that would be