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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

During the past week Belfast, the chief manufacturing town in the North of Ireland, has been literally in the hands of a lawless mob of rioters—the municipal authorities appear to have been wholly incompetent to preserve peace or restore order, and although nine stipendiary magistrates and over 5,000 soldiers are on duty rioting still continues—over 100 wounded have been taken to the hospitals, how many have been killed are not known.

For the first time in the annals of Irish political rows revolvers have been used, and the concealed weapon of the Yankee ruffian effectually employed in what would without it have ended in a stone and bludgeon fight.

It is quite probable martial law will have to be proclaimed, and the city handed over to the control of the military authorities before the rioting will be suppressed.

The Irish people have subscribed £14,000 sterling to indemnify Captain Nolan for expenses consequent on the Galway election contest; he is to be prosecuted by the Government along with a Roman Catholic Bishop and several priests for improper interference with the elections.

The agricultural strike still continues; Government have been obliged to give the farmers the assistance of a portion of the troops to save their crops.

The riots at Belfast were occasioned by an attempt of the Roman Catholic population to celebrate the anniversary of the passing of the "Emancipation Act" of 1829, the day on which it became law was the 15th August in that year.

The Portland *breakwater* which was declared finished on the 10th inst., had been building since 1849.

The Autumn Manœuvres of the British troops will commence on Salisbury plain on the 1st of September.

Messrs. Gladstone, Ayrton and Lowe being eminently practical men, resolute in the interest of the economists of the Manchester school, determined to cast all scientific humbug to the winds and to treat in their own way the explosive force of gun cotton. Accordingly they had a post erected in the gar-

den of their official residence at the Treasury, Whitehall, in which a number of holes were bored and filled with gun-cotton; the result was not encouraging, although some of the Radical papers say it was what was aimed at as far as the post was concerned, as it was *split*, at a cost of some hundred pounds sterling in broken glass and a fright to Mr. Gladstone as great as the declaration of war by the Emperor of the French occasioned him in 1870. This is another evidence of Whig economy and efficiency.

The body of the Duc de Guise has been buried in the family vault at the Chapel of the Chateau of Dreux (Euro-et-Loire); he was the last surviving child of the Duc d'Angoulême, and one of the Bourbon heirs of the French throne.

It is reported that the Germans will not give up Belfort notwithstanding the payment of the indemnity, and it is very certain they are doing their utmost to render the recapture of Strasburg and Mentz a work as nearly impossible as man can make anything earthly.

The Carlists still cause uneasiness in Spain. It will be many years before that unhappy country can boast a government of law and order.

The Geneva Board of Arbitration is still in session, but nothing trustworthily respecting its decisions has transpired.

Rumours from Florence state that there has been a serious difference between the Pope and Cardinal Antonelli, the leading statesman of the Vatican, who, it appears, is willing to accept the situation and close with the terms offered by the Italian Government and lend the aid of the Church to the consolidation of the Italian kingdom. To this the Pope will not consent believing in the restoration of his temporal sovereignty, and it is reported he is about to seek an asylum in Belgium.

There is to be a meeting of the Czar, Kaiser and the Emperor of Austria at Berlin on the 28th. It is said a part of the object is to provide for the election of a Pope, as Italy, France, Spain and Austria can each exercise a *constitutional veto* on the election of any supreme Pontiff inimical to their several interests. Other questions of international policy will be discussed, and the outcome will astonish Europe. One of the projects is said to be the dismemberment of France.

A project for constructing a harbor at Helligoland has been agitated by the German press. It is, as our readers are aware, a very small island in the mouth of the Elbe belonging to Great Britain. The cost of the work would be over half a million sterling, but the German Government would cheerfully pay the cost; it is clear, however, that they will not be permitted as it would give rise to awkward claims at a future day.

The Mikado of Japan is about to visit Europe. The English resident at his court has been making himself supremely ridiculous, if reports speak truth, he has hauled down his flag because the Japanese Emperor chose to receive him sitting or squatting.

From the United States the chief news of interest is the failure of the *wheat corner*, a ring at Chicago, the result being the bringing down a whole covey of *lame ducks*. The financial crisis induced by such rascally proceedings cannot fail to be most injurious to the best commercial interests of the country.

An Indian War in Utah territory is imminent.

Twelve thousand persons attended a *Fenian* picnic at Jones Wood New York.

The Germans will fail to incorporate the present generation of the people of Alsace and Lorraine with the *vaterland*. Eleven hundred of them have shipped for Lower Canada, and as they have the reputation of being good and thrifty subjects at home, they will doubtless make a very desirable acquisition to our population, and the change of allegiance will be in name alone.

Our gracious Sovereign has been pleased to appoint the Right Hon. Sir J. A. Macdonald, K.C.B., to her Privy Council; an honor well deserved and earned, and a note worthy event in the history of the British Empire as it solves in a constitutional way the question of Colonial representation in its councils.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to confer the dignity of a baronet of the United Kingdom on Sir John Rose, K.M.G., a piece of promotion, so to speak, which has also been earned by good service to Canada and Great Britain.

An attempt has been made to recruit *filibusters for Cuba at Montreal*, it has however been defeated by the vigilance of the Executive.

The elections for the House of Commons are not yet over.

It is reported that a party of border ruffians from the United States have located themselves four miles south of Edmonton House on the Sackatchewan, with the express purpose of selling liquor to the Indians and that they avow their determination to resist any effort to dislodge them by erecting a fort or stockade. As they are in British territory they will be taught to respect British law, but a frontier police has become a necessary