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## SUMMARY OF NEWS.

### TRIAL OF SMITH O'BRIEN.

At the close of Mr. Whiteside's able and eloquent argument for the defence, testimony was introduced, and among the witnesses called to the stand was a Mr. Maher, deputy lieutenant of the county of Wexford, who was interrogated as to a private conversation which had taken place between him and Mr. O'Brien. The Attorney General for the Crown objected to the question, on the ground that the transaction to which the question related had not been referred to by him in his statement to the jury, and was not embraced in the evidence given on behalf of the crown.

The court acquiesced in the objection of the Attorney General.

Mr. Smith O'Brien, (with considerable excitement,) addressing the court, said—I must, in common justice to myself, ask your lordships, whether every speech made by me, from the time I left Dublin, (speeches, too, which were reported by policemen, in such a garbled and incorrect manner as no speeches were ever yet reported,) are to be admitted as evidence against me; and evidence of the declarations of a friend, made to me during the progress of this journey, rejected. If the court decides against the admission of this evidence, I must observe, that it will be the most monstrous decision ever arrived at by a court of justice—(sensation.)

The court having made no observation in reply to the prisoner.

Mr. O'Brien addressed his counsel, Mr. Fitzgerald, in a still more excited manner, and said I call upon you, Mr. Fitzgerald, to proceed no further in this case, but to allow it to go before the jury as it stands at present. If this course is persevered in my trial will be a perfect farce.

The Solicitor General. As the rejection of this evidence appears to disturb Mr. O'Brien's mind so much, we wish to inform the court that the crown consent to withdraw their objection.

The Chief Justice. We think it right to state that the opinion of the court is, that the prisoner's counsel has a perfect right to examine the witness relative to a declaration referred to by the crown in the course of this transaction—but this being a distinct conversation, of which the crown have offered no evidence, our opinion is, that as a matter of right the prisoner's counsel cannot examine in reference to it. Although the crown has consented to withdraw their objection, the court feels it to be its duty to state its opinion.

### THE CONTINENT.

The obstinacy of the Provisional Government of Schleswig-Holstein, in throwing impediments in the way of carrying out the armistice, has been productive of counter proceedings by the King of Denmark. The Schleswig-Holsteiners maintain their illegal government in spite of the armistice, whilst the Danes are establishing a government of their own, equally in face of the conditions agreed upon.

The accounts from Naples and Sicily are contradictory. We hear, by way of Turin, that the Royalists had made an attack on Palermo, and had been repulsed with the loss of 700 men; but the Neapolitan papers of the 23rd ultimo, with dates from Messina of the preceding day, are silent upon the subject.

With regard to the Italian question, the latest reports, affirm that fresh difficulties have been started by Austria respecting the mediation of France and England, and that she has definitely rejected the proffered mediation.

The capital of Austria is not yet free from internal enemies, and a devastating war seems to be carried on between the Hungarians and the Croats.

It is said that in Paris there 270,000 persons at the present moment receiving relief.

Sir James Duke, M. P., was elected Mayor of London, on Friday, without opposition.

The East India Company have voted a gold medal to the gallant Major Edwards.

THE FRENCH IN DOVER.—Thirty years ago this would have been a startling announcement, but now, happily, it is terrorless; nay, rather we rejoice in making it, for fraternisation with our French neighbours has been the order of the day in Dover during the week. On the day of the regatta about 150 of the National Guard of Paris and Boulogne took a run over to Dover for a holiday. Their reception by all classes was most friendly, for which they were deeply grateful. On Thursday another proof was given by our French friends that they do sincerely reciprocate the sentiments of amity we as sincerely entertain towards them; for on that morning an arrival of some 40 more National Guardsmen visited Dover. They partook of a *dejeuner la fourchette* at the City of Antwerp hotel, after which they called on the Mayor to thank him and the Corporation for the kind reception their comrades had received at the hands of the Dover people on the Tuesday previous.

FROM SANTA FE. Mr. James H. Bullard, of the firm of Bullard, Hook & Co., arrived at this place from Santa Fe last Friday. He brings no particular news, with the exception that the trade of that country is greatly overdone. All was quiet in Santa Fe and its vicinity. Mr. B. brought several letters to citizens of this city, one of which we were favoured with a perusal.

The writer complains that the Government has left the country very poorly protected—there being only 210 officers and men left in the entire territory to preserve good order. Major Bell has command of the military force. He had received petitions from Thos. Peralto, Albuquerque and other points, asking for troops to garrison the frontiers, as the inhabitants were in constant danger from the daily incursions of the Indians, who continued their depredations.

Major C's present force will be inadequate to defend the territory, and he will not be enabled to comply with the above petitions for troops. Lieut Col. Washington, appointed, it is said, Civil and Military Government of New Mexico, was expected at Santa Fe from Chihuahua, about the 20th September last. [Lexington (Mo) Express, 3d.]

Portland and Halifax Telegraph Line.—Messrs. G. Howe and A. Darrow raised; the first pole for the Portland and Halifax Telegraph Line on the 9th inst. in St. Stephen. There are now 10 miles of poles up, and in all probability the Telegraph will be in operation from St. John to Halifax by the middle of November, as the gentlemen, who have the control of it are experienced in the business, having built the Telegraph Line from New-York to Portland. They will drive the thing right straight through. [Frontier Journal.]

Daring Robbery.—At eight o'clock, last night, a man named James Connors, lately arrived in Quebec, broke a pane of glass in the shop window of Mr. Turcotte, watch-maker, Mountain street, and abstracted a small case, containing gold rings to the amount of £25.—He was almost immediately arrested by the police. The whole of the property was recovered, five of the rings being found in the street. [Quebec Morning Chronicle.]

DROWNED.—On Monday last, the body of a man, named John Wilson, was found in a swamp, about 4 miles above St. Stephen, and but a short distance from his own house. The water in the swamp did not exceed a foot and a half in depth, which leads to the painful conclusion that the deceased must have intentionally cast his life away. He has left behind him a wife and nine children.

EXECUTION OF BRENNAN.—This forenoon the extreme penalty of the law was carried

into effect on Thomas Brennan, who was convicted at the last assizes for the murder of one Mary O'Connor. [Niagara Mail.]

WRECK OF WHALESHIP MOBILE OF NEW-BEDFORD, AND LOSS OF LIFE.—The bark Fairy arrived at Provincetown, reports, September 23d, in latitude 40, longitude 57, falling in with the wreck of whaleship Mobile, of New-Bedford, which sailed from that port September 1st, and took from her twelve persons. When seven days out, the Mobile was struck by a heavy sea, which hove her on her beam ends, carried away all her topmasts, filled her instantly, and washed overboard Captain Long, Mr. Stewart, first officer, a boat steerer, and six men. Mr Stewart was a native of Maine, and was about 23 years of age. When fallen in with, the survivors had been seven days on the wreck without food, and were nearly exhausted.

The Montreal Gazette says the California gold-finding scheme turns out to be merely a hoax. The imaginary gold is but a very common and valueless mineral, yellow mica. Many of our early voyagers were deceived the same way.

DEATH OF DR Wm. CAMPBELL.—We regret we have to announce the decease of our respected townsman, Dr William Campbell. He has for many years been known to us as an eminent accoucheur. His reputation has not been limited to this country alone, his writings on the particular department of medicine professed by him having gained him a European fame. Some of his works have been translated into German, and the medical and scientific societies of Berlin, Vienna, Heidelberg, and other foreign University towns, conferred on him the honour of membership. To the gentlemen who have studied in the Medical School of this city he has been long and favourably known as a successful teacher and attached over the entire globe; and that not a few of them are indebted to his instructions and kind offices for their present position and success. To the poor when in distress his services were at all times available, and for many years he supported two dispensaries for their benefit at his own expense. By all classes of our fellow-citizens, as well as by our medical school, his loss will be severely felt. [Edinburgh paper.]

Montrose—Melancholy Suicide.—A boy of the name of Bogie, scarcely thirteen years of age, employed as a herd-boy by Mr Johnston, Northesk Road, had gone out on Wednesday to tend his cows on the lands of Little Mill, about a mile from Montrose. He had expressed no intention to do violence to himself, nor was there anything in his appearance that indicated grief or depression of spirits. In a short time, however, the servants at Little Mill found him suspended from a tree within a few yards of the house. He was quite dead. The boy had taken his knife and carefully notched the branch of the tree to prevent the cord from slipping; and the rope was adjusted so as to extinguish life in the shortest time. [Montrose Standard.]

HARD TO BEAT.—A correspondent of the N. O. Crescent submits the following definitions.—He is evidently a deep thinker and close observer.

Faith.—The rock upon which knowledge is built.

Truth.—A moral diamond, upon which the file of falsehood wastes itself without making an impression.

Love.—The electric shock communicating between two human galvanic batteries.

Religion.—Light from heaven, which if we did not obstruct it with a veil of sin would dispense such radiance as would make it bliss to close one eyes to physical light, for its enjoyment.

Happiness.—A butterfly, which when pursued seems always just beyond your grasp; but if you sit down quietly, may light upon you.