

THEY SAY THEY WILL FIGHT FOR THE UNION.

Mr. Gladstone Writes Another Letter and Lord Hartington Follows His Example - An Irish Loyalist Scheme.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The following despatch from Mr. Gladstone has been received:—

IRLAND, Dec. 19.—If I should at any time have any plan or intention to announce on the question of Ireland, it will be on my own responsibility, not by an anonymous and irresponsible declaration.

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The Right Hon. Wm. E. Forster, formerly secretary for Ireland, writes:—

James Lowther, who was succeeded by Mr. Forster as secretary for Ireland, says:—

John Redmond said that supposing the description of it to be accurate, the scheme was fairly open to the objection that it was not supported by mutual concessions.

Ulster Orangemen Will Fight. Grand master of the Orange Orangemen, Lord Hartington will refuse to send delegates to any Irish parliament in Dublin, and that the loyalists of Ulster will both refuse to obey any law made by such a parliament and resist by force.

At the same meeting Mr. Forster said that the Orangemen will never allow their enemies to get the military force of Ireland into their hands.

Lord Hartington also writes. Hartington has written the following letter with reference to the Irish home rule:

As my name has been frequently mentioned in connection with the reports on the subject of the home rule, I feel it my duty to state that I have no objection to the subject.

The Marquis of Lorne's Views. LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily News this morning publishes an interview with the Marquis of Lorne in which he says that the Union can be broken up.

David Foster went on a spree at Weymouth, and that three passengers by the steamer, the Chinese association organized at Sacramento, Cal., Saturday night with a large membership.

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The World is delivered at any door in the city before six o'clock for 15 cents a month.

BLACKMAILING A LORD.

The Case Against Viscount Clifden's Gamekeeper Mysteriously Unshaken. LONDON, Dec. 19.—A large crowd assembled at the Central Criminal Court to-day to hear the testimony in the trial of Chas. Mollison, who was committed on Nov. 21 on the charge of feloniously sending a letter containing threats and accusations against Lord Clifden, with a view to extort money.

It was reported that the disclosure of the character would be made against his lordship. The crowd, however, were disappointed, for the prisoner immediately on being placed in the dock pleaded guilty to the charge.

His counsel asked the court to show clemency to his client, stating that money had been extorted for the purpose of sending Mollison and his family to America. The judge postponed passing sentence on the prisoner so as to inquire into his antecedents.

Mr. Mollison had been employed as head gamekeeper on Lord Clifden's estate. The latter became dissatisfied with the way the prisoner looked after the game and discharged him. Lord Clifden soon afterwards received a letter accusing him of having committed on several occasions the felonious and most unnatural of crimes, and stating that unless Mollison was reinstated he would apply for £1000 damages and disclose the whole thing, or would take £2000 and say nothing.

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ROUGH ON THE BOLEERS.

What He Saw and Heard During a Personal Tour of the Birkdale-Constructive to Morals and Manners. Rev. J. E. Starr, pastor of the Berkeley street Methodist church, has been making a personal tour of the roller skating rink of Toronto, which there are four.

He made those visits, he says, with the avowed intention of "seeing for himself" what was really going on in the roomy edifice given up to the whirl and whiff of the young and old of both sexes, just like Dr. Talmage visited the low dives and joints of New York on a memorable occasion.

Mr. Starr stated some weeks ago that he would give his flock his opinion on roller rinks and their fascinations. Last night was selected for the occasion. The church was jammed as full as it could hold. The aisles were filled with people seated on chairs. Half of the worshippers were young men and women.

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STERLING MR. HOWLAND.

Working Their Way East for the Holidays - Aleck Rory's Experience of California - Big Fanny.

The county of Gleanigary is famous for at least two things: it is the ancestral home of the province and it is the home of the descendants of the Highlanders who settled there just one hundred years ago.

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A SAD DAY AT NANTICOKE

Efforts to Reach the Imprisoned Miners. No Success Reported Up To Half-Past One This Morning - One Man Found Dead - News and News of the Imprisoned Miners.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 20.—To-day was the gloomiest Sunday ever witnessed in Nanticoke. Thousands of people poured into the town in vehicles, on horseback and on foot. Thousands of them gathered in groups around the various workings, where they discussed the situation of the imprisoned miners. A message was brought here from Nanticoke this morning to the effect that Wm. Elk had been found in the gangway and evidently had been dead several hours. The officials state that the situation remains unchanged although they hourly expect to reach the spot where the 29 men entombed are supposed to be.

At 8 o'clock to-night the rescuing party struck a man of wet sand, and 45 additional men were sent in to remove it with buckets as fast as it is thrown out. At 9 o'clock an official report was received stating that the men rescuing party were within twenty feet of the fatal chamber, and are in hopes of rescuing the imprisoned men in 11 o'clock.

At 11:30 o'clock a messenger connected with the relief party came out of the pit and reported that the rescuers were still vigorously at work but had not reached the imprisoned miners. His report on the present outlook is that if they will gain an entrance to the fatal slope chamber before tomorrow, 245 men as the sand is removed it continues to fall in again, and the workers are now laboring under great difficulty.

At 1:30 a.m. a report from Nanticoke says the rescuers finally reached the place where the men were supposed to be. The rescuers were not there. The rescuing party is now pushing forward to another chamber with hopes of finding them in a few hours.

Price and Quality of Bread. Correspondents of the Montreal Star on Dec. 8 bought loaves of bread in the leading cities of Ontario and Quebec and sent them to Montreal. His report is as follows:—

Price per 4 lbs. loaf. Relative value. Montreal (average) 12 1/2 cents. Kingston (average) 12 1/2 cents. London 12 1/2 cents. Toronto 12 1/2 cents. Montreal 12 1/2 cents. Ottawa 12 1/2 cents. Quebec 12 1/2 cents.

PERSONAL. The wife of James Hart, M.P., died at Puyallup, Wash., on Saturday morning. The Emperor William is reported to have been in the city of Rome on Jan. 2. He will be accompanied by his wife and children.

Stephen Barker, the well-known shipowner, died suddenly from apoplexy at New York on Saturday. Mrs. Barker is in the city. Mrs. Barker is in the city.

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