

BRITISH NEWS.

At Holyhead on Monday, a tiger escaped from Bostock's menagerie and was only recaptured after much difficulty. At the same menagerie, during the evening performance, a woman snake-charmer was bitten by a serpent, and was carried out in a fit.

At Londonderry Assizes on Monday, Wm. Woods, rag gatherer, was convicted of the manslaughter of his paramour, and was sentenced to twelve years penal servitude. Prisoner first tied a cord round the woman's neck, and then nearly severed her head with a scythe.

The man concerned in the burglaries at Cambridge on Wednesday of last week, and who shot himself when chased by the police at Royston on the following day, has been identified by his wife as Richard Battou, a public house-keeper at Luton, Beds. The inquest on the body, which was opened on Saturday, was adjourned.

A singular discovery of a missing man, named Allan Robertson, was, says our Melbourne correspondent, made on 31st May last. The history of his case seems almost as, if not more, wonderful than that of Suici, for Robertson lived for 23 days without either food or water, all that time he was lying in a deserted hut in a bush, and that, too, in this wintry season in Australia.

An extraordinary birth of triplets is reported from Clarecastle district, County Clare. Mrs. Reidy, a farmer's wife, a few weeks ago gave birth to a child which died. The mother sank into a state of coma, continuing thus for several days, with but short intervals of consciousness, when, unexpectedly, she gave birth to two more children. The mother died and only one child is living.

A sad accident occurred on H. M. S. Active in the Downs on Wednesday morning. An able seaman named Jones was assisting in getting coals on board the vessel from a collier, when he slipped between the vessels and sank. An exciting scene followed, his messmates plunging into the water after him, but all their efforts to save him were of no avail, and the poor fellow was drowned.

From the South of Ireland on Monday it was reported that another epidemic of fever had broken out on Hare Island, in the Skibbereen Union, which has been already the scene of so much devastation by epidemics. It is supposed to have originated at the wake of a man who died of fever, the people then mixing freely together. The doctor's direction to remove the patient to hospital was disregarded.

A notorious burglar named John Smith, who was captured in Birmingham, was brought up at Leicester on Monday charged with a daring burglary. The pawnbroker's shop of Mr. King, Willowbridge Street, was entered and 50 gold and silver watches and 60 rings stolen. Entrance was effected by removing a stone under the door. Fifty gold rings and several watches were found at the house where Smith was captured. He was remanded.

Edmond Hart was charged at New Ross on Monday with the murder of his mother, whose body he afterwards mutilated, and when discovered he was eating part of the flesh. The defence was that accused was insane. Dr. Walsh, of New Ross, who examined him the day before the murder, deposed that he was not insane. Dr. Mechor, who examined the prisoner in goal, said he was suffering from mental agony, but was not mad. He was committed for trial.

A deliberate attempt at murder, accompanied by a suicidal act on the part of the assailant, took place in Back Chapel Street, one of the low quarters of Bolton, on Monday night. A quarrel arose between a clogger named Wm. Morris (55) and a woman named M'Napara, through an allegation that she robbed him, and he stabbed her in the breast, penetrating to the left lung, and afterwards cut his own throat. Both now lie in the infirmary—the woman being in a critical condition.

A serious fight occurred on Monday afternoon at Eatham. A number of navvies employed on the Manchester Ship Canal were drinking in vaults near the ferry, when a free fight arose. One of the men drinking was a sailor just returned home. He was attacked by the navvies, and they adjourned outside. Here the sailor was again attacked and thrown over the cliff on to the shore. One arm was broken and his spine injured. He was removed to Birkenhead Hospital in a precarious condition. Two arrests have been made.

At Bridgenorth on Monday three little boys, Arthur Child, Thomas Freeman and Arthur Sergeant, were committed for trial for setting fire to Quait Industrial Training School. Child went into the ward and

struck a match, setting fire to the bed clothing of a bed in which a boy was sleeping. Freeman and Sergeant, it is alleged, told another inmate they intended to burn the school down, and carried hot coal in a kettle from the bath room and placed it in a bed. When the alarm of fire was raised "wards were in a blaze, and the fire was extinguished with great difficulty.

On Tuesday morning a sad casualty occurred on Shields Bar. It appears that two salmon fishermen named Bootright and Arthur Smith were returning in their boat from fishing. A westerly gale was blowing at the time, when a sudden gust of wind caught the sail and capsized the boat, both men being thrown into the sea. Another fishing boat in the vicinity endeavoured to rescue them, but without avail. Bootright and Smith being thus drowned. The body of Bootright was afterwards recovered. The men belonged to North Shields, and were married, with families.

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