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FROM THE IRISH BENCHES,

SCENES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THE VOTE OF CENSURE.

THE POWER OF THE IRISH PARTY.

T. P. O'CONNOR'S BRILLIANT SPEECH.

O'Connor Power's Final Act of Apostasy

HEALY'S HARD HITTING

House of Commons, London. The parliamentary correspondent of United Ireland...

I hope the moral of Tuesday night's division given on the vote of censure will be deeply engraven on the Irish heart.

The decision of the Irish party was promptly and unanimously taken. It was to throw the Irish vote against the Government.

The only doubt that exercised the Irish party was whether they had the power to make their blow against the co-religionists a telling one.

snodes ready to elect as many eligible Nationalist candidates as could be provided.

With these considerations before their minds, the Irish party with one voice decided to strike at the Coercionists without mercy.

The first open pronouncement that the Irish party had entered the fray against the Government was when Mr. T. P. O'Connor burst on the House with the very best speech of the scores of powerful ones on record to his credit.

Mr. Gladstone, on the other hand, was apparently unconscious of the news, for he was placid and even brisk, and gently appealed to Mr. Healy for "a little patience"

his late colleagues. They were grievously disappointed. Mr. Power had been industriously spreading the rumor that his speech would be a sensational attack on members of the Irish party.

The change from his padded eloquence to the breezy plain speaking and hard hitting of Mr. Healy was refreshing.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

London, March 5.—The House has rejected Parnell's bill amending the Irish Land Act by a vote of 325 to 72.

On Monday Mr. Cameron will ask Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, Under Foreign Secretary, whether Spain has been asked to explain the recent action of the Spanish revenue officers at Gibraltar against the American ship Marianna Notteboom.

Yesterday Mr. Stanley, Conservative, gave notice of his intention to move that no supplies be granted to the Government until they have made a full and explicit statement of their Egyptian policy.

Mr. Gladstone replied that the expedition to Assuan involved no change of policy. It was a necessary precaution to prevent excitement from spreading.

Irish Affairs.

THE FRANCHISE BILL—WHIG DEBATES—A DIVIDED MINISTRY—IRELAND'S WINNING HAND.

By cable from Irish Special News Agency. LONDON, March 8.—The position of the Franchise Bill is shaky.

Even Mr. O'Connell's impassioned attack upon the Government could not hold the house after Mr. T. P. O'Connor sat down, and for the three following hours the contest was waged not in the yawning and all but empty chamber, but in the rooms and corridors where the rival whips were mustering and nursing their battalions.

The House refilled towards midnight, but it was with men eager for the division and in no mood for listening to rapid speeches.

"BY GOSH." The melancholy discovery is made that "gosh" is the worst kind of swearing.

DAVITT'S LETTER.

LANDLORDS AND LAND LEAGUE

THE EPITAPH OF THE AGITATION NOT YET WRITTEN.

THE FORMATION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

The Want of non-Parliamentary Speakers and Representatives.

CRITICAL POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

AUSTRALIANS AND THE REDMOND BROTHERS.

THE NATIONAL CONTEST IN CORK.

(Special Correspondence of THE POST and TRUE BUSINESS.)

DUBLIN, February 23rd, 1884.

The cessation of National League meetings, for the last two Sundays, has inspired the landlords with the hope that the agitation against their system is at an end.

The explanation of the fervour of meetings, recently, is easily accounted for. The men who chiefly sustain the agitation, or rather who do the public speaking part of the work, are few in number.

Although the temporary withdrawal of such men as T. D. Sullivan, Healy, Mayne, O'Brien, Sexton, Harrington and one or two others from active participation in the work of the League in Ireland is not of vital consequence to the fortunes of the cause, it is essential that a remedy should be found for this annual gap in the ranks of our forces.

The Brothers Redmond. In proposing that the acting-executive of the National League should appoint a deputation from its body to meet the brothers Redmond and present them with an address on their return to Ireland, the central branch has but anticipated the general wish of the country.

The Cork City Election. The voting in this contest is going on as I am writing, and the result will not be made known before it will be time to close this letter.

Memorial Church at Penetanguishene. The proposition to build a church in memory of the Jesuit fathers who were martyred by Indians in this district years and years ago has at last assumed a practical shape.

The National Council of the League has yet to be elected. The constitution adopted at the Dublin conference of October, 1882, provides that each of our thirty-two counties shall elect a representative, and, singularly enough, by a motion of Mr. Parnell's, no member of Parliament is eligible for nomination or election, as the same motion provided that sixteen members of the Irish Parliamentary Party were to be co-opted by their colleagues to represent their body on the National Council of the League.

Critical Fix of the Government. The position of the Gladstone administration is becoming more precarious every day. What with Ireland on its back and Egypt on its "conscience," and the Tory party espousing to English passion and greed to avenge the disgrace in the Sudan by turning the Liberals out of office, the coalition party has had an unenviable time of it since the opening of Parliament.

Disguised Whigs. The action of the Irish party which follows Mr. Parnell's voting solid against the Ministerial Coercionists has given general satisfaction in Ireland. Few were entertained that it would have been otherwise, as it is widely known that within the ranks of the small body of members who accept the lead of Mr. Parnell there are men like Captain O'Shea (County Clare), Blake (County Waterford), Colonel Nolan (County Galway), and MacLearna (County Carlow), who are real Whigs thinly disguised in Nationalist professions, and who would follow the example of O'Connor Power and the "O'Donoghue and 'bitt' into the camp of the Liberal party only they hope, by the maintenance of a semblance of loyalty to the popular leader, to get returned again to Parliament at the approaching general election.

Victory Means No Political Gain. The Conservatives are working the business with relentless energy, and insist on debates practically every night in both Houses of Parliament, and all parliamentary legislation is at a standstill.

Representation of Minorities. Finally a cattle bill threatens further complications, for, while denounced by the Liberal and Conservative landowners as not sufficiently potent against the importation of disease, it is denounced by a similar combination of Liberal and Conservative representatives of towns as calculated to enormously raise the price of the people's food.

Another despatch says Mr. Chamberlain is convinced that the opinion of the country is in favor of the shipping bill. It is this distinctly expressed in the next fortnight the bill will be maintained; if not, it will be dropped.

Penetanguishene, Ont., March 8.—The proposition to build a church in memory of the Jesuit fathers who were martyred by Indians in this district years and years ago has at last assumed a practical shape.

hoped, will be elected to-day as his colleague in the representation of the capital of Munster.

MICHAEL DAVITT.

BRITISH POLITICS.

A Government Divided Against Itself—The Franchise Bill—Indignant Ship-owners—Representation of Minorities. New York, March 9.—The Tribune's London cable letter says:—The Tories continue to raise debates on every possible issue, obstructing till they have elicited a stinging rebuke from the Standard itself.

A GENERAL MULLER. The Sun's London letter says the week in Parliament has been one of muddle, confusion and inconsequence and the future of everything is uncertain.

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