

EUROPEAN NEWS BY CABLE.

Reports continue that the state of King Alfonso's health is critical.

Mr. Gladstone will speak at Edinburgh on the 11th of November, at West Calder on November 17, and at Dalkeith on November 21.

Mr. John Bright's address to the electors of Birmingham refers simply to his former services and makes no political illusions.

A dispatch from Calcutta states that Lord Dufferin, the Viceroy of India, has received orders from the home government for the immediate dispatch of troops to Burmah.

Mr. Chamberlain, the radical leader, publishes a letter in which he says he has not yet prepared a scheme for the disestablishment of the Church of England.

The Sultan has declined to negotiate with Prince Alexander in regard to the union of Bulgaria and Roumelia on the ground that the coming Conference will deal with the question.

The British war-ship Bacchante, with Admiral Richard on board, has sailed from Zanzibar, for Rangoon. Indian troops will be sent to Rangoon without waiting for King Theebaw's reply to the Indian government's ultimatum.

Mr. Pyne the Nationalist candidate for Parliament who was arrested for making at Clonmel a speech alleged to be seditious, has been discharged from custody. It was proved that in his speech he advocated boycotting, but not violence.

Thirty Greek refugees who escaped from Bulgaria in an open boat have been arrested at the entrance to the Bosphorus. They said that they had fled from Bulgarian cruelty and to avoid compulsory enrollment in the Bulgarian army.

The liberals of Bradford have renominated Mr. W. E. Forster as a candidate for Parliament. Mr. Forster approves the Gladstone manifesto, but reserves his freedom of action with regard to questions not touched upon in that document.

The "Economist," commenting on the unstable equilibrium of the liberal party says that the liberals will doubtless win in the coming elections but that their victory will be a temporary and provisional one, and will not outlast Mr. Gladstone's political life.

The Porte continues to mass troops at points available for offensive operations in Eastern Roumelia in the event of extreme measures being resorted to. A despatch from Smyrna to-day says that 20,000 men of the reserves have been despatched to Salonica.

The resignation of Civil Service Commissioner Leroy D. Thoman was officially made public Monday afternoon. Mr. Thoman tendered his resignation October 20, and the President in a letter under date of October 24, accepts the resignation, to take effect November 1 next.

Advices from Calcutta report that the steamer Irriwaddy and two steam launches have left Rangoon for the Burmese frontier. It is reported that a vessel with Europeans on board have been fiered up by Minlahfort. The troops for the proposed expedition to Burmah have arrived at Calcutta from Madras.

Mr. Stead intimated his intention to call the Archbishop of Canterbury, Mr. Howard Vincent, Colonel Sir Edmond Henderson, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, and Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Home Secretary in the late Cabinet, as witnesses. He concluded by observing that when the jury heard the testimony of the foregoing no English gentleman would return a verdict against him.

Resident magistrates from various parts of Ireland conferred last week with Sir William Hart Dyke, the chief Secretary of Ireland and Lord Ashbourne, the Lord Chancellor, for the purpose of giving them information in regard to the state of Ireland for the guidance of the Cabinet. There can be no doubt that the local magnates recommended coercion.

The boycotting of the Cork Steam Packet company by the cattlemen continues and may result in the ruin of the company, which in pure wanton spite has dismissed eighty of its employes, alleging the boycotting as the cause. The determination of the cattle dealers is unmistakable. English shippers at Cork refusing to assist them in their efforts to boycott the obnoxious company. The cattlemen have chartered a Danish steamer to convey their cattle.

The trial of the Armstrong abduction case was resumed at the London Central Criminal Court Wednesday. The testi-

mony for the prosecution being all in, the Attorney General announced that his side of the case was closed. Mr. Charles Russell, counsel for the defence, then addressed the Court in behalf of the prisoners. He vindicated the motives of Mrs. Jarrett when she took the girl from her mother for Mr. Stead, and claimed that the absence of the consent of the father did not make the act a crime if the mother's consent had been obtained without misrepresentation or fraud.

General De Courcy, commander of the French forces in Annam, telegraphs from Hanoi to the war office that he has defeated the Black Flags in an engagement. General de Courcy adds that the enemy numbered six thousand men, and consisted of Black Flags, Annamites and deserters from the Chinese army. Three of the chiefs were killed during the engagement and many prisoners were taken by the French forces. General Jaumont conducted the operations against the enemy, which resulted in the capture of the strongly fortified town of Thannoi, one of the last and most formidable centres of resistance held by Black Flags. The French lost thirteen men killed and wounded. Great enthusiasm exists among the Parisians over the official announcement of the French success in Annam. Crowds of excited people throng the boulevards eagerly discussing the news.

Reports from all parts of the country indicate that if the landlords persist in their design of a general eviction campaign during the coming winter months we may anticipate something closely verging on civil war. Though little is said in public there is evidently a very determined feeling among the people not to allow themselves not to be driven from their homes, without resistance and should the landlords be unwise enough to attempt to collect rents which the people are not able to pay, this winter will not pass without serious bloodshed. One thing is certain, the Irish peasant of to-day is no longer the tame, submissive serf of twenty years ago. The land-league has moulded him into a man, who will fight desperately to preserve his cabin and little field.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.
Work will soon be begun on the Catholic University in Washington. Upwards of \$600,000 are now in hand; and this sum will be increased by the 1st of January to \$1,000,000. The building plans under consideration will necessitate the expenditure of \$250,000. The first branch of the university will be exclusively devoted to the higher philosophical and theological studies for the clergy. According to the New York Times, it will be a university of higher grade than has yet been attempted in this country.

Mr. Cronin Strikes from the Shoulder.
The Irish idea is catching. Monsignor capel has it. Next.—N. Y. Tablet.

Yes, now that the Irish idea has triumphed, not only without them, but in spite of them, the viperous brood of anti-Irish Errington, both at home and abroad are crouching like so many whipped curs before the withering scorn of the sons and daughters of Ireland. Especially since Rome has gratified the longings and prayers of the Irish people by consecrating Dr. Walsh—the patriot priest—as Archbishop of Dublin, whose despicable creatures are as so many dumb devils. They no longer vilify Ireland's cause nor slander the leaders of the people. How we would like to see those petty tyrants sent to the North Pole just to have some of the black malice frozen out of their unchristian hearts.—Buffalo Union and Times.

HUMORUS.

When the lively man was asked why he painted 'Excelsior' over the door of his stable, he explained that 'Hire' was his motto.
A white man from away down South in the Okeechobee Lake region came up to Gainesville, Fla., last week, on business at the United States Land Office. While here he saw the first ice he had ever seen. He manifested great interest in the frigid substance, and put a half pound lump in his pants pocket to take home to his family. He soon took it out of his pocket, however, and as he did so said, "I am afeared it will spile my ter-backer."
Young lady: 'And how is Johnny getting on at the new school, Mrs. Scatterpole?' Mrs. Scatterpole, 'Oh beautifully. He learning six languages—French, German, Latin, Greek, Algebra and Euclid.'
A crusty old fellow once asked: 'What is the reason that griffins, dragons and devils are the ladies' favorite subjects for embroidery designs?' 'It's because they are continually thinking of their husbands,' was the quick retort.

Pa: 'I do not like that young man,

and wish he would keep away.'—Daughter: 'He does not come very often.'—'Very often?' He is here nearly every evening, and sometimes in the afternoon.' 'But, Pa, he never comes in the morning.' 'No, I wish he would.'—'You do?'—'Yes. If he could once see you in the morning he would never come again.'

'Gentlemen,' said a tattered tramp, as he approached a settee in City Hall park, which was entirely occupied, 'I am very tired. Will one of you be kind enough to get up and give me a seat?' No one moved; but all gazed at the impudent nomad with a stony stare. 'Gentlemen,' pleaded the vagrant, 'you have no idea how tired I am. I left Montreal—Suddenly the seven men on the settee with one accord jumped up and fled, without looking around. 'Yes,' said the tramp, as he stretched himself out at full length on the bench, 'I left Montreal when I was a boy.'

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