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A DOUBLE CRIME.

Thomas Williams Murders his Wife and then Commits Suicide.

The Sorrowful Story Told by Lillie Williams—Verdict of the Coroner's Jury.

The residents of the west end of the city were horrified by a report which reached them Friday morning, that a murder and suicide had been committed on Basin street.

The tragedy was first discovered by some women who were standing near the back door engaged in conversation.

Once inside they were horrified to see the place covered with blood and both the man and wife lying dead.

The position of the man's body gives signs of a long and terrible death struggle.

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largest party in the House. The Government majority is made up of a coalition of three parties, the National Liberal, 96 members; the Imperialists, 38, and the German Conservatives, 76.

A number of miraculous cures have occurred in Lourdes recently, and there was a torchlight procession in celebration of them led by the Bishops of Tarbes and Nancy.

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The Austrian Emperor, ten princes of the blood, and 19 bishops attended the funeral of the late Cardinal Ganglbauer, Archbishop of Vienna, who, although one of the greatest princes of the Church, died no richer than the average successful farmer.

Cardinal Benedict Mery Langenieux, the leader of the recent pilgrimage of French workmen to Rome, was born at Villefranche, on the Rhone, in the Archdiocese of Lyons, on October 15, 1824.

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between the people and the so-called governing classes. The old traditions had been rudely swapped asunder, and with them disappeared the grand festivities, the princely hospitality of the castles of other days.

So things continued till the fury of English Protestant persecution had spent its rage. But, alas! when the dread penal code began gradually to assume a mitigated form and the faithful, long-suffering people of Ireland were at length allowed to worship God as their fathers had done from the days of St. Patrick, there were no churches wherein to assemble, no altars whereon to offer sacrifice.

Yet the faith of the people was none the less strong, and the solemn rites of religion were even more dear to their hearts than in the days of rich endowment and grand celebrations.

Where the mountains grey and weary,  
Watch above the valley pass,  
Come the frozen-clasp and people  
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THE FIRE KING'S NEW YEAR.

Dreadful Holocaust

IN A LONDON PAUPER SCHOOL.

A Royal Palace Burned.

LONDON, January 1.—The boys' section of the pauper school in the district of Forest Gate, in connection with the Whitechapel and Poplar unions, took fire last night while the inmates were asleep and was burned.

The fire was caused by an overheated stove, ignited in a clothing room beneath the boys' dormitory. The smoke issuing from the stove flames alarmed those sleeping on the top floor, and they made their escape.

A ROYAL PALACE DESTROYED.  
BRUSSELS, January 1.—The Royal Palace at Lacken, a suburb of this city, was burned to-day. Princess Clementine, the daughter of the King, had a narrow escape from being burned to death, but her governess was suffocated.

At 10 p.m. the burning palace at Lacken looked like a huge furnace and there came from it constant cracks and volcanic bursts of flame and sparks, as masses of debris fell into the fire.

It is reported that the fire in the palace at Lacken was incendiary, the building having been burned in three places, and that Mme. de Croix, the victim, perished while searching for Prince Clementine, whom she supposed to be still in the palace.

DOWAGER EMPRESS AUGUSTA DEAD.

BERLIN, January 7.—The Dowager Empress Augusta, who is suffering from influenza, has had a relapse. Her respiration is difficult and her condition is critical.

An hour (2 p.m.) the Emperor and Empress and their two eldest sons, Crown Prince William and Prince Frederick, and the Grand Duke and Princess of Baden, son-in-law of the Emperor and daughter of the Dowager Empress, are at her bedside.

The Dowager Empress Augusta died at 3.30 this p.m.

An egotist will always speak of himself, but a modest man ever shows making himself the subject of his conversation.