

CATHOLIC INTELLIGENCE.

IRISH NEWS.

WAR NEWS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NATURALISTS' PORTFOLIO.

THIERS.—It is now beyond the shadow of a doubt that Thiers died a sincere Catholic.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF QUEBEC.—His Grace has been confined to his room for a few days past by an attack of illness.

MUSICAL.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop Healy proposes to introduce music into the Catholic schools of Portland, Me.

A NEW IRISH BISHOP.—The Cork Examiner announces that the Rev. Canon Fitzgerald, ex-President of St. Colman's College, Fermoy, to the vacant See of Ross.

ADVOCACY.—His Excellency the Delegate Apostolic is reported to have said at Three Rivers, in answer to an address.

THE HEALTH OF THE POPE.—The Roman Correspondents of certain London papers have sent, during the week, continual telegrams respecting the illness of the Holy Father.

TAS MASCARONS OF MARY.—A correspondent of the Paris Univers writes:—Before concluding let me mention a few more of Mary's miracles.

A NEW PRESENTATION CONVENT AND AN INTERESTING INCIDENT IN CONNECTION WITH IT.—Three weeks ago, in the midst of a merciful downpour of rain, the venerable Bishop of Cork laid the foundation-stone of another of those blessed houses of prayer and holy toil that have risen up so numerously and so magnificently from the humble beginnings so unostentatiously made some hundred years ago in Cork and elsewhere throughout Ireland by the general, gentle, and saintly foundress of the Order of the Presentation.

HARD ON THE "CONSTRUCTIONISTS."—Mr. O'Connor Power, M. P., addressed a meeting of Irishmen in Leeds on the policy of obstruction.

THE BROTHERS-HOSPITALIERS OF ST. JOHN OF GOD.—There is being just now established near Kilsheelan, in the County of Tipperary, by some members of the Order of Brother-Hospitaliers of St. John of God, in a house which the Count de Ja Poer has generously made over to them, with some land for that object, an admirable and much-needed institution.

IRISH FISHERIES.—The Inspectors of Irish fisheries continued at Lismore their enquiry into the system of drift net fishing pursued in the tidal waters of the Blackwater.

NEWS IN THE WORKHOUSE.—A free nun of the Mercy Convent, Naas, took possession of the apartments allotted to them as nurses in the infirmary of the Naas workhouse, and commenced the charitable duties connected with their office.

OBSTRUCTION NEXT SESSION.—The London correspondent of the Daily Express writes as follows in the number of that journal for the 17th ult.

THE HOME RULE LEAGUE.—The Council of the Irish Home Rule League held a meeting the other day and discussed the question of the Parliamentary action which the Home Rule members ought to adopt in the next and future sessions of the Imperial Legislature.

THE GUARD TO THE FRONT.—The first detachment of the Russian Imperial Guard passed through Bucharest yesterday morning on their way to the seat of war.

ONE SNOWY.—The correspondent at Grany Stundni reports that the Roumanians have advanced within 250 yards of the second Plevna redoubt, near Gravitza, and it must soon fall.

RUSSIAN MISTAKES.—The Daily News correspondent lately with General Gourko, writing on Tuesday last, asserts that the mistake of the Russians of waiting supinely upon the defensive is becoming more and more disastrous.

AN AGGRESSIVE TURKISH MOVE.—It is stated in Constantinople that Ismail Pacha has arrived before Erivan, in Russian Armenia, and is about to attack that place.

IN TURN.—The Galos publishes a telegram from Igyr, Asia Minor, which shows that the Turks, on the 18th, were cannonading General Tergukasoff's positions there.

A BOLD POLICY.—Turkey will not accept mediation while a single Russian soldier remains on Turkish soil.

THE SHIPKA PASS.—A special edition of the Globe had a Pera despatch saying:—"News has been received at the English Embassy that Suleiman Pacha carried the remaining Russian positions in the Shipka Pass this morning, inflicting enormous loss. The defile is now entirely in the possession of the Turks."

VALUE OF THE FORT.—Fort St. Nicholas, which was captured by the Turks on Sunday morning, is said to be the key of the Russian positions in the Shipka Pass and to command other Russian works.

ARDAHAN HAS NOT FALLEN.—The Daily News Vienna correspondent says a telegram from Tiflis contradicts Mukhtar Pacha's report that Ardahan had been evacuated by the Russians, and states that, on the contrary, the garrison has been increased to twelve battalions of infantry and six squadrons of cavalry.

BEFORE KARS.—The Herald's special correspondent at Kars, Armenia, telegraphs that on Monday 5,000 Turks took up their position near Kark Dara. The Russians are waiting for reinforcements to attack, and it is very probable that another battle will be fought at that point of the Kars investing line.

STILL IN RUSSIAN HANDS.—An official despatch is published in Constantinople, which denies the correctness of the rumor that the Russians had completely evacuated the Shipka pass.

ANOTHER.—Correspondent takes most gloomy views of the Russian prospects. Before Plevna the Russians lost 20,000 on the 11th inst. The wounded are rotting and festering uncared for.

SEVITA FRIGHTENED.—The news of repeated Russian disasters has created great uneasiness here, especially as everything has been prepared for the crossing of the Danube at Gladova by the Russians, and their reception in Negotin and the Tinok village.

ENGAGEMENT.—The Herald's special correspondent of the headquarters of the Czarowitch, at Djela telegraphs, under date of Monday, that a desperate engagement was fought in the Valley of the Lom on that day.

NOT TAKEN AFTER ALL.—A later despatch from Constantinople says the Russians in the Shipka Pass have been reinforced.

THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE.—The meeting of Prince Bismarck and Count Andrássy at Salzburg is to be regarded as the sequel of the recent interview between the Austrian and German Emperors, and as merely strengthening the views then exchanged between the two sovereigns regarding continuance of the understanding between the three Imperial Courts upon the means of averting European complications.

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QUIET.—Saturday's affairs were quite everywhere. The blockade and bombardment of Plevna continue.

IMPROVEMENTS.—The Marquis of Conyngham is at present causing considerable improvements to be made in the town of Slane, county Meath.

ALARMING.—The Albany Journal quotes a Kentucky paper as saying that "investigation of the records of the State show that not a single man or woman in the whole Commonwealth is under the present law legally married."

COOL.—A gentleman of Angus, Scotland, had an ancient valet named Gabriel, whose petulance and license of speech went so far as to be almost intolerable.

A REMARKABLE POND.—There is a very remarkable pond on the top of Prospect Mountain, near Addison, Vermont. It is about three quarters of an acre in extent.

MR. BUTT AND HIS RECEPTION COMMITTEE.—We understand that Mr. Butt's Reception Committee held a meeting last night at the Foresters' Rooms, and unanimously came to the conclusion that no necessity exists on the part of the hon. and learned member to visit his constituents just now.

THE EMPRESS OF INDIA'S SUBSCRIPTION.—"Empress of India, £500." We must all feel our cheeks burn with shame in reading this line at the top of the Indian Famine Fund.

WHALLEY AND NEWDEGATE.—It appears that Mr. Newdegate's suspicion of the Jesuitical mission of Mr. Whalley has got some historical foundation at any rate.

HASSAN PASHA AND THE CZAR.—Hassan Pasha, the brave defender of Nikopolis, who has been taken prisoner by the Russians, gave in a conversation with a Russian dignitary the following account of the manner in which he was received by the Czar.

SULEIMAN'S WAY OF MARCHING.—Suleiman dispenses with the ordinary machinery of an army. He transported his whole force from Adrianople to Karabunar in 48 hours.

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THE CAYOTE.—The Cayote is the most cowardly of all animals. It hunts in packs, and will never think of attacking anything bigger than a rat if alive, except it is wounded.

SNAKES.—A correspondent writes:—"I have killed snakes in many ways, and have no hesitation in recommending a horse whip as the best weapon for their destruction in a house, or anywhere where a gun cannot with safety be used."

THE COCKROACH UTILISED.—In Russia the common cockroach (Blattia orientalis) is a favorite popular remedy for dropsy.

THE ORYX, OR GEMSBUCK.—This animal belongs to South Africa, and is well known amongst hunters as the only antelope that revenges itself on the lion.

A WONDERFUL LAKE.—We have more than once heard of the wonderful properties of the waters of deep spring valley lake, but, until the present, not with sufficient detail to give the story full credence.

AN OFFENDED ELEPHANT.—Everyone has heard of the sagacity of elephants; the writer having been in India for years, had many opportunities of judging of it.

MASPIES.—A magpie was in the habit of hiding bits of food, not immediately wanted, in some long grass at the bottom of a row of iron hurdles.

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