



POLITICS IN GREAT BRITAIN

Probable Provisions of the New Franchise Bill—The Conservative Leadership.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The Tribune's London cable letter says:—Cabinet councils are understood to be engaged, among other things, in settling upon a draft for the reform bill.

MESSRS. REDMOND'S MISSION

The Irish Agitators in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—The brothers Redmond, two of Parnell's lieutenants in the House of Commons, who are en route to England from a visit of a year and a half in Australia, arrived in Chicago yesterday.

TERRIBLE MINING ACCIDENT.

Explosion in the Crested Butte Colliery—Fifty-seven Men Believed Dead.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—A terrible explosion occurred at Crested Butte, Gunnison county, at 1 a. m., in the Crested Butte coal mine.

THE COADJUTOR BISHOP OF CORK.

CONS, Jan. 23.—The question of the appointment of Coadjutor Bishop for the Catholic diocese of Cork, which is now pending, is likely to attract widespread attention in Catholic circles.

"THE NEW SISTER."

Our bells ring on unwonted gloom, Its peals notes the organ peals; A maiden young and fair, and free, Before the lighted altar kneels.

This day the novice severs here For ever every earthly tie, Leaves all that once did life endear Without a tear, without a sigh.

In her alone burns strong and whole Sweet tender charity's pure flame; The orphan child, the work-worn son, All find its ardour in the same.

Her childhood's friends may feel some grace, And sigh to think she will kneel; Beside some wan and weary face, With whispered prayer for him who sleeps.

But happier, gladder is his heart, The sanctuary of Hope's beams, Than those where rankle pleasure's smart, The slaves of shallow, mocking dreams.

Adieu, adieu, joyful, sad and dear, And welcome world's life of prayer; Look down, oh! Virgin Mother dear, Kind Mary, take her to thy care.

Sweet voices chant the Spirit's hymn, While she before the altar kneels, And every earthly joy grows dim— 'Tis heavenly rapture that she feels.

The solemn words are spoken now: The words, "thy dear child has passed away;" The words, "but to labor, love and pray."

Now more, my soul, or care or tears, Can cheer thee, my dear, sad world recall, "For He hath kept my eyes from tears And turned my feet from every fall."

Hochelaga convent, Jan. 25th. L. B.

STORMS IN EUROPE.

GREAT DAMAGE TO SHIPPING ON THE BRITISH COAST—MANY VESSELS AND LIVES LOST—THE IRON BREASTWATER DESTROYED—RAILWAY TRAIN OVERTURNED.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—The barque Marie Charlotte, from San Francisco, is ashore at Westport. The brig Jonathan Weir, from Newport, England, for Matanzas, is wrecked in Biddisford Bay; crew saved.

THE RIOTS.

THE ORANGEMEN SWORN TO HAVE BEEN THE AGGRESSORS.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Jan. 22.—The examination into the charges preferred against Doyle, Bray, Ash, Courage, Butt, Williams, and French, the imprisoned Orangemen, commenced to-day.

THE U. S. IRON TRADE.

STATISTICS FOR 1883—INCREASED PRODUCTION OF PIG IRON.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 27.—The Secretary of the American Iron and Steel Association reports the total production of pig iron in the United States last year as 5,147,000 net tons.

COLORED PICTURES.

MR. T. P. O'CONNOR, M. P., is publishing some highly colored pictures of the members of the Irish party, in which he classes Mr. Justin McCarthy, Mr. Sexton, and Mr. Gladstone as the three ablest speakers in the House of Commons.

THE FLIGHT TO EGYPT.

Remarkable obedience of Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin on this trying occasion—The Angel of God appears to St. Joseph, who wakes up the Blessed Virgin and the Child Jesus in the dead hour of night to make flight to Egypt—God's wisdom in providing this refuge for the Saviour of man—Herod's design baffled—Return of Mary and Joseph and the Child to Nazareth after his death.

The Rev. Father Jones, S. J., preached an interesting sermon at the 6 o'clock service at the Jesuit Church, Sunday evening, on the flight of Mary and Joseph to Egypt with Our Lord, when an infant, to escape the cruel sentence of Herod against all infants under two years.

When he arose he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt, &c.

He characterized this period of our Lord's mission upon earth as the hidden period. It was during this period that Our Lord set us the example of humility and obedience which we should follow.

Concerning the flight of Mary and Joseph to Egypt with the infant Lord, there was already a great deal known to most people.

Still there was a great deal yet to be considered. To think that the second person of the Blessed Trinity should come down upon earth and become man was a cause of wonder and marvel even to the angels.

It was a cause of wonder to the shepherds and the wise men. It was also marvellous that the philosophers or wise men should be guided by the star.

When it was decreed that Mary was to become the Mother of God, it was a great cause of wonder to her, but, in obedience to her devotion to the will of God, she submitted.

When God decreed that the great events and miracles and unusual incidents in connection with it, there would have been no way of revealing the birth or coming of a Saviour at all.

The revelation of the coming was first made to the poor shepherds, as was seen by the second chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke, and they sang His praise: "Glory be God in the highest, and on earth, peace and good will to men."

When the child was taken to Jerusalem God again revealed the coming of the Lord. [This was the revelation of the Holy Spirit to St. Simeon, who took up the infant Saviour in his arms. St. Luke, c. ii, 27.]

There were two distinct periods in the life of Our Lord. The first was the revelation of His coming; and the other, His persecution.

Whenever God was about to perform any extraordinary act he sent trouble into the world. Consequently trouble was sent to Herod and he became alarmed and troubled at the fate he fancied awaited him upon the coming of the "King of the Jews."

Nevertheless, the event was announced to him. In order to prevent the rising of such a ruler he resolved to exterminate all infants under two years of age.

The wisdom with which God Almighty provided for the safety of Our Lord in this emergency was to be admired. His good mercy at times was also manifested in this case.

He could have sent an angel and smote down Herod at once when this terrible decree against the lives of the innocents would become a dead letter.

But instead of this he sent an angel to St. Joseph with a message to take flight to Egypt with the child and the virgin mother.

And St. Joseph rose immediately, awoke the virgin mother, and they made immediate flight with the child. The obedience of the virgin mother in this case was a model of virtue and perfection beyond all example, for she immediately obeyed St. Joseph without a murmur, and without even asking him who gave the command!

The great humility and obedience of Our Lord was also plainly marked by this event, for, while He knew all there was about Him, and He obeyed, and took His chance of all that might follow.

This event also recalled the striking obedience of St. Joseph himself and his great devotion to the will of God. The flight into Egypt was not in harmony with the wisdom of the world, as it might have been easier to stay the hand of Herod; but God did not act according to human wisdom.

Mary and Joseph made the long journey to Egypt with full confidence in God's wisdom and protection. She obeyed St. Joseph because God had placed her in his command. It was a meritorious act to obey authority in all that was not sinful.

There was no virtue greater than that of obedience, for he who obeyed authority recognized in that authority the person of God, and he gave up what essentially belonged to him. When man gave up his free will he gave up what God had given himself without limit or restraint.

The flight to Egypt was obedience to authority. God had placed us all subject to authority, and it was well to obey that authority.

The innocents put to death by order of Herod were the first to shed their blood for Our Lord. They suffered and God preserved for them the crown to heaven which was the reward of their sufferings and martyrdom.

If we accepted in true spirit whatever affliction or trouble God sent us, we could also obtain that crown and reach heaven—a blessing which he wished all who heard him.

Irish Affairs.

DUBLIN, Jan. 26.—Frank Hugh O'Donnell, M. P., for Dungarvan, Home-Ruler, will make a literary tour in America after the prorogation of Parliament.

DUBLIN, Jan. 27.—The National League meeting announced to be held to day at Killavullen, Cork, was forbidden by proclamation. Two magistrates with several policemen prevented the people from assembling; some disorder ensued, and one of the magistrates twice ordered the arrest of the rioters, but he could not be secured.

The police failed two women, breaking several of the ribs of one of them. At an informal meeting afterward the conduct of the magistrates and police was denounced.

A Nationalist meeting was held at Newport to-day. In spite of the storm fully 10,000 persons were present. Resolutions were passed declaring the Land Act inadequate and the emigration scheme a brutal blunder.

At the Nationalist meeting at Parnestown Mr. Horrington, M. P., insisted that the Government should be compelled to grant larger concessions to Ireland.

At the Nationalist meeting at Edgworthstown James McCarthy said Irishmen were determined to have their own parliament. Some disorder occurred at this meeting, and several persons were ejected from the platform.

The Nationalist meeting at Killebrange was peaceful. The Orangemen did not hold a counter meeting. Mr. Sexton, M. P., in a speech said he recognized the Queen as the constitutional sovereign. The Nationalists never revised the Queen.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The Globe says officials of the Irish National League denounce the institution of Pat Ford's "Emergency Fund." Notwithstanding their protests, it is believed that a large portion of the League's funds have been virtually placed at Ford's disposal.

DUBLIN, Jan. 28.—Baron Emily, Lieutenant of the County and City of Limerick, has written a letter to twenty-five magistrates refusing to convene a meeting to express sympathy with Lord Rossmore and denouncing the latter's conduct.

The Dublin corporation has decided to grant the use of the City Hall for a meeting of Parnellite members of parliament to be held on February 4th.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—An address of sympathy and confidence, signed by fifteen hundred loyalists in Ireland, was presented to Lord Rossmore at a great meeting in Belfast this evening. Lord Rossmore, in the course of his reply, said he was convinced that he acted wisely at Roslea on the occasion of the Orange and League meetings on October 16th.

Herbert Gladstone, junior lord of the treasury, in a speech at the Liberal Club this evening, hailed the proposed reform in county government in England, and hoped it would be extended to Ireland. The government he said, meant to extend the franchise in Ireland, and also intended to reform county government there.

Negotiations between the Earl of Devon and his tenants in the County Limerick, have fallen through. Of 800 tenants to whom a circular was addressed 300 offered to purchase their holdings at twelve to sixteen years' value. These offers were refused because the Earl believed they were instigated by Land League agitators.

MGR. CAPEL AND THE WASHINGTON WOMEN.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Monsignor Capel has drawn down upon him the wrath of a part of feminine Washington. He rashly mentioned in a lecture which he delivered last week that he had sisters who were married and sisters who were nuns, all of whom were useful and happy, but he expressed a gentle disbelief in there being any happiness for women that remained in the world and were unmarried. He added that he would advise every woman of 30 if she should have an offer in the next ten years to accept it. Part of the audience were amused at this plain speaking and the rest were enraged. Next morning he was engaged to deliver an address before a Ladies' Tabernacle Society here. Every member of the society present happened to be an unmarried woman, so they made a ferocious and simultaneous attack on the Monsignor.

THE "WHITE LADY."

Berlin excited over the re-appearance of a Ghost—"Who will die now?"

Berlin, Jan. 24.—A few nights ago a famous "Weisse Dame," or White Lady, the spiritus familiaris of the Hohenzollern family, is reported to have been seen by the sentinels before the Alte Schloss. The legend of this apparition is well known. An ancestor of the Hohenzollerns, Countess Orlamunde, is said to leave her grave and walk in solemn and measured step the corridors of the Alte Schloss in Berlin whenever any member of the royal family is about to die.

Notwithstanding their profound scepticism, most Berliners, strangely enough, still believe the story of the White Lady. The capital is quite excited over the pretended apparition. All are talking about it and wondering what member of the dynasty is next destined to die.

THE GHOST.

The White Lady is a ghost who has frequently been seen in different castles and palaces belonging to the royal family of Prussia. She is supposed to forebode the death of some of the royal family, especially one of the children. Her last appearance was in 1879, just prior to the death of Prince Waldemar. A soldier on guard at the old castle was witness of the apparition, and in his fright fled to the guardroom, where he was at once arrested for deserting his post.

Twice she has been heard to speak. In December, 1628, she appeared in the palace at Berlin and said, in Latin, "I wait for judgment." Again at the castle of Neuhause, in Bohemia when she said to the Princess, in German, "It is ten o'clock," and the lady addressed died in a few weeks.

THE WICKED COUNTRY.

There are two white ladies in fact—one the Countess Agnes of Orlamunde, who is referred to by our Berlin correspondent, and the other the Princess Bertha von Rosenburg, who lived in the fifteenth century. The former was buried alive in a vault in the palace. She was the mistress of a Margrave of Brandenburg, by whom she had two sons. When the Prince became a widower Agnes thought he would marry her, but he made the sons an objection, and she poisoned them, for which crime she was buried alive. Another version is that she fell in love with her own Prince and made away with her two daughters, for which crime she was doomed to "walk the earth" as an apparition.

THE CHARITABLE PRINCESS.

The Princess Bertha is troubled because an annual gift which she left to the poor has been discontinued. She appears dressed in white and carrying at her side a bunch of keys.

FORGING AHEAD.

Successful Meeting of the National League at Boyle and Lougheed.

(By Special Cable from Irish News Agency.)

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The National League is forging ahead. Several meetings were held on last Sunday, at one of which Colonel King-Harman was denounced by Mr. William O'Brien, M. P., as an infamous landlord and renegade Irishman.

MAYO'S REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Healy, M. P., at a meeting held in Mayo described the senior member for the county as Judas O'Carney Power, and resolutions were passed calling upon him and his colleague, the Rev. Isaac Nelson, to retire and make room for genuine representatives of the people of Mayo.

OBSTRUCTING THE LABORERS' ACT.

The landlords and the London Treasury are obstructing the Laborers' Act in every way. As much importance is attached by the Irish party to the prompt and effective application of the remedies contained in the measure to the suffering laborer, it is intended that an Amendment Act shall be introduced in the coming session.

GRIPPING THE MALK.

Earl Spencer's last proclamation shows that he is resolved to permit no more National meetings in Ulster, and completes his surrender to the Orange-landlord faction. The report that Colonel Stuart Knox is the chief organizer of Orange rowdiness is angrily denied.

A WHOOPER.

STAPLETON, L.I., Jan. 26.—Omas. Nash, of this place, on a wager of \$10 ate yesterday 300 oysters, five pounds of roast beef, and drank twelve "schouers" of lager without leaving the table. He did not seem uncomfortable after an hour of moderate walking, and said he could repeat the feat within a few days.

"BLUE SUN."

PARAMA, Jan. 26.—Captain Brehaut, of the British ship Abbelemont reports having seen the "blue sun" on September 2nd, when it set south 13.30 long, west 28.35. He also saw it on the following day at the same time. Three distinct spots were on the disc; two round ones were in the southeast quadrant and the third in the parallelogram in the southwest quadrant.

An important meeting of Parnellite members of Parliament will be held in Dublin next week. The object is to agree upon motions to be offered in the House of Commons on the opening of Parliament amending the speech from the throne.