

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

Ireland. Dublin, Dec. 5.—It is generally believed here that the present crisis is the most important for the whole land movement, for the people have clinched with the Government, and have thus far successfully resisted all the strength of coercion. It is a startling fact that the tenants are not being paid, and that the tenants have no intention of paying them without heavy reductions, which the landlords refuse. The Land Courts are so slow that the Act is as yet no remedy whatever for the troubles. The government does not expect this delay, believing that after a few decisions the landlords and tenants would settle between themselves. The actual significance of the situation is this: The Government have employed the force demanded by the landlords and the conciliation demanded by the Liberals, and both have thus far failed. The people did not waver at the strength of the Land League while permitted to have its own way, but now that force is being used, disorder continues, and the country is experiencing a reign of terror. In the eastern counties the Assizes have begun, and the Judge spoke of the great increase of crime. He says that threatening letters and intimidation were everywhere when the Assizes were held. Certainly the situation is most critical here. The Liberal Irish policy and the existence of the Liberal Government is trembling in the balance. The opinion expressed some time ago, that Mr. Parnell's arrest was a mistake, is being every day vindicated. Limerick, Dec. 5.—A large crowd today stoned the carriage of Conside, on whose property there were evictions recently. Mrs. Conside was struck by a stone. Farmer Rooney has been brutally beaten at Achilone. He was sent to jail. Parnettown, County Limerick, Dec. 5.—Farmer Milligan, who paid his rent, was waylaid and beaten to death on Saturday. Dublin, Dec. 5.—The Land League system is being openly recognized under the name of "Political Prisoners Aid Society." Several meetings of this new organization were held on Sunday in the neighborhood of Dublin. The value of property stolen at Lord Arthur Hill's house is now estimated at £10,000. A man servant has been arrested as a accomplice. Dublin, Dec. 5.—Six hundred of the Duke of Devonshire's tenants have decided not to pay their rent except with a reduction of 20 per cent. Dublin, Dec. 7.—The Inspector-General of Police has advertised for the enlistment of army and navy reserve men, police pensioners and ordinary, for special protective duty. Dublin, Dec. 8.—A circular has been issued by the Government to the Irish consular authorities instructing them to use every effort to induce people to give private information concerning intended outrages. In return for such information rewards of from £20 to £100 are promised, and the incognito of the informant is guaranteed. Dublin, Dec. 8.—Flynn, a rent-paying tenant on the estate of Lord Ventry, near Castle Island, has been dangerously shot by armed men. Two arrests have been made. A mob of 200 at Riverstown attacked the house of a rent payer, and beat him fearfully. Two arrests. London, Dec. 8.—Baron Fitzgibbon, in opening the Connaught Assizes, used language similar to that employed by Justice Fitzgerald in opening the Munster Assizes concerning the increase in the number of crimes, notwithstanding the Government measures of police, which exceeded expectation. He said, however, it was not for him to devise a remedy. He thought the jury system was the best system that could be devised for the administration of justice tempered with mercy. Chief Justice Morris in opening the Armagh Assizes yesterday, alluding to the lawlessness in the country, said if the Queen's writ could not run it would be better to abolish the Superior Courts rather than have it join in the general farce. The Times Dublin special says:—The Inspector-General of Police has issued for the purpose of relieving the police of a portion of the duties of special protection now occupying their time. Dublin, Dec. 8.—Parnell was taken suddenly ill yesterday with chills and shivering fits. Earl Fitzgibbon has subscribed £1,000, and two other landlords have subscribed £500 each towards the maintenance of the Property Defence Association. The Distressed Irish Ladies' Fund has reached £1,100. The national memorial statue to Daniel O'Connell, which has been in hand for many years, is now completed. It is a colossal bronze casting. It will shortly be shipped from England for erection in Sackville street, Dublin. The memorial cost £12,500. Reed, Coffey and Maloney, lately returned from America, have been arrested near Castle Island under the Coercion act. Cork, Dec. 9.—The Duke of Devonshire has refused the appointment in rent asked by his tenants, going from west to east. London, Dec. 9.—The Times advocates assistance to the Irish Property Defence Association, because there is no reason why, if the present agitation against the payment of rent triumphs, the same method should not be extended, and the Irish bribed by foreign enemies of the British Government to combine in resisting taxes, with a view of extorting their independence. Canadian. Huntington, Que., Dec. 5.—On Sunday evening about 6:37 o'clock a slight, but very distinct, shock of earthquake passed over this place, going from west to east. On Friday morning Hugh Hayvern was hanged at Montreal for murdering Wm. Salter, a fellow convict in St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, on the 25th of May last. A lecture on the "Life and work of Father Mathew" is to be delivered in the Ancient Capital, shortly, by the Rev. Robert Ker, Episcopal minister of Trinity Church. Mr. Nicholas Cody, one of the early settlers in St. Charles, Quebec, died there last week at the patriarchal age of 77 years. Deceased was highly respected. The residents of the townships of

Garthby and Southam, in the county of Richmond, Que., have just been thrown into a state of terrible excitement over an outbreak of an epidemic which medical skill does not appear to have controlled as yet. The patient is frequently attacked so suddenly as to fall from his chair and lose consciousness. Symptoms manifest themselves not unlike those of diphtheria, and the sufferer's breathing becomes more and more laborious until death claims the victim for his own. Neighbors who had gone into the house where the disease was raging have been almost immediately stricken down themselves. Consequently men will not visit each other for fear of infection, even on matters of business. In a country over the North Shore below Quebec, during the recent canvass for a member for the local legislature, a friend of one of the candidates "tried it on" in a novel fashion. Being aware that a certain well-known institution in the city owned a large tract of land in the county, the party alluded to put himself in communication with the authorities, wishing to know at what price they would dispose of over so many hundred acres, his proposition being to assure a certain number of the voters employment during the winter in cutting timber and firewood—with what object it is easy to divine. Meantime, a partisan on the other side got wind of what was going on, and he also wired the authorities before alluded to. A reply was received by both enquiring as to the price they were willing to pay, and the answer was just whatever the institution might think the land to be worth. A price was named—the authorities had evidently by this time begun to suspect something, but hampered with such conditions as to render the sale impossible, and the timber remains yet to be cut and the neatly contrived "bulldozing" of the electors came to an end.

CATHOLIC NEWS.

A prominent merchant in St. Roch's, Quebec, received \$2000 from Rev. Mr. Gosselin, an amount given to him by a penitent defaulter. Jubilee.—The Jubilee exercises for the Catholics of the city of Quebec speaking the English language, commence on Sunday the 18th inst. at St. Patrick's Church and will terminate on Christmas day. The conferees of the Rev. Pere Jettou, O. P., given in the Basilica of Quebec during the retreat of the status of Laval University, and of persons of education generally, were attended by large numbers on each evening. The exercises closed on the festival of the Immaculate Conception. The Rev. C. Williams (Episcopalian) of Acrrington, England, has arranged for a conference of all the local ministers and clergymen, including Catholic priests, to consider the question of dealing with the masses of the district, in view of the serious facts respecting non-attendance at places of worship, brought to light by a religious census taken recently in that town. The benediction of the new church of Cap St. Ignace on the South shore below Quebec, was solemnly performed on the 1st instant, by the Revd. Jules Bernier, Curé of St. Ferdinand of Halifax, a native of the parish, and duly authorized for the occasion. The same reverend gentleman celebrated Mass, assisted by Rev. Louis Bernier and Rev. Bernard Bernier, also natives of Cap St. Ignace, as deacon and sub-deacon. There was a very large attendance of the clergy and also of the faithful. The sermon was preached by Rev. Antoine Gauvreau. The death is announced at Villa Maria, Montreal, on the 30th ultimo, of the Rev. Mother St. George, daughter of the late Colonel LeMoine, of Chateau Richer, of the community of Our Lady of the Congregation. The deceased lady was born on the 4th October, 1821, and entered the novitiate of the order in 1843. She successively filled the offices of Superior of the Convents in St. Roch, and at Bellevue, Quebec, directress-general of studies, and finally mistress of novices, in the Mother's house.

GRAND BAZAAR IN PARKHILL.

We learn that the Rev. Father Corcoran P. P. of Parkhill, intends to open a grand Bazaar on the 21st inst., for the liquidation of the parish debt. Through Father Corcoran's energy a magnificent church and a comfortable priests' residence, have been erected in that parish during the short time of his pastorate. As the congregation is small, they have not yet succeeded in cancelling the heavy debt incurred in the purchase of the church, and of all the help which can be tendered to them in their zeal for the progress of religion. We hope that the bazaar will be well patronized by all our friends. Among its attractions there is a prize drawing with a large number of valuable prizes. By the purchase of tickets for this drawing our readers will have an opportunity of aiding this excellent work, and at the same time of securing a chance of obtaining one of the splendid prizes which will be awarded to the successful ticket holders. The Bazaar will open with a Grand Concert, in which Miss Reidy, Miss Lenora Clinch and other popular musicians will take part. With such an array of talent the musical programme must be most attractive.

Horrible Accident.

On Monday last week news came to the city that Mr. Duncan McMillan, for many years a resident of London, had been suddenly killed at Rat Portage, Manitoba, by an explosion of nitro-glycerine. This intelligence, we regret to say, has since been confirmed. Deceased has many friends in this section who will hear of his sudden and sad death with very much regret. We extend to his wife and two sons, and other relatives, our most heartfelt condolence in this their time of dire distress. We understand that Mrs. McMillan intends to have the remains interred in Glenarry.

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C. M. B. A. NOTES.

At the regular meeting of Branch No. 7, of the C. M. B. A., Sarnia, the following officers were unanimously elected for the respective offices for the year 1882: Chancellor—D. McCart. President—H. Reilly. First Vice—J. Cochrane. Second do.—J. Mara. Recording Sec.—M. Lysaght. Assistant do.—J. Laugha. Financial Sec.—W. McEltheron. Treasurer—Rev. J. Bayard. Marshal—J. McDonald. Guard—J. Boyle. Trustees—F. Cochrane, M. Bredin, T. Coone. I also forward you a copy of a resolution passed at our meeting of the 5th inst. Resolved, That we, the members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, have heard with deep regret that our worthy Bro. James Boyle has suffered a severe affliction in the death of his beloved son, and that the branch sincerely sympathize with him and his family in this their hour of affliction. Yours fraternally, M. LYSAGHT, Sec. Sec. The following are the names of officers of Windsor Branch No. 1, elected for the year 1882: Delegate to Grand Council—D. B. Odette. Alternate Delegate—J. E. Connolly. Officers of Branch No. 1, elected for 1882: 1st Vice-President—S. Gignac. 2nd Vice-President—J. Ryan. Recording Sec.—J. P. Gagnon. Assistant Sec.—J. P. Gagnon. Financial Sec.—J. H. Jones. Treasurer—J. H. Conolly. Marshal—M. H. Gagnon. Guard—M. H. Gagnon. Trustees—G. Golden & M. Hickey. Officers of Branch No. 5, Bradford, for 1882: 1st Vice-President—W. Harrington. 2nd Vice-President—J. H. Jones. Recording Sec.—J. H. Barry. Assistant Sec.—A. Hawkins. Financial Sec.—J. H. Jones. Treasurer—A. Harrington. Guard—M. H. Gagnon. Trustees—A. O'Donovan, M. F. Fleming. Officers of Branch No. 11 and 12 were issued to pay the Beneficiaries of the following named deceased brothers: 1st Vice-President—Patrick Moriarty, Branch 11, Buffalo, N. Y., admitted March 1st, 1881, died Sept. 17th, 1881, age 57 years. 2nd Vice-President—Daniel W. Crowley, Branch 12, Buffalo, N. Y., admitted March 4th, 1880, died Oct. 27th, 1881, age 27 years. 3rd Vice-President—Thos. McGuire, Branch 12, Buffalo, N. Y., admitted Jan. 29th, 1881, died Oct. 12th, 1881, age 50 years. SAMUEL J. SECY, Grand Council.

Sure Way to a Happy Marriage.

This is a subject in which many of our young people are most deeply interested. Messrs. Benziger Bros., of 311 Broadway, New York city, have just published a handsome little volume which contains a large amount of practical common sense which will prove of infinite value to those who purpose entering the married state. It is translated from the German of Rev. Conrad Schickling, of St. Ignatius, Wilmington, Delaware. The Bishop of that Diocese, Right Rev. Thos. A. Becker, speaks as follows of this most timely and useful volume: "It should be read by all interested in the matrimonial law, for the sacrament of matrimony, the welfare not only of families but of the whole world depends on true principles in this most serious matter, and the Church alone gives unchanging directions. And as the large majority is called to a marriage in the face of the Lord, it is not to be expected that the grace of the sacrament, indeed, without this grace, as we see in daily and deplorable examples, there can be no blessing, no happiness in the union, and no certainty in obtaining the chief object of marriage—the happiness of the married state." The translation has been carefully made and is true to the original. We commend it highly to the public." The price is only 75 cts., for which sum it will be sent to any address by the publishers.

A Catholic should be Married by a Priest only.

A desperate attempt to bulldoze Father A. M. Quatman, of the Cathedral, was made last week, terminating in the signal failure of the designing parties. A dispensation was obtained through him for a marriage between a Catholic young woman and a Protestant man. The parties came to him at past six o'clock in the evening, bringing a marriage certificate marked "duplicate" in the corner. The reverend gentleman quickly detected the ruse and insisted on the production of the original, which the bridegroom said was at his house. He saw that the wedding had been or was intended to be celebrated by a Protestant minister. He warned the Catholic party of the sin she was committing, and absolutely refused to proceed further in the matter. The production of the bridegroom's pocket-book failed to alter his decision, and the parties left somewhat crestfallen.—Catholic Telegraph.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. John Scanlan, brother of Mr. Michael Scanlan, of this city, baggage-man on the Sarnia Branch of the G. W. R., and who had been in the Customs department at Toronto for twenty-six years, died there Wednesday. A two-year old daughter of Mr. J. Cook, of Westminister, fell backwards into a pail of boiling water on Thursday afternoon, and died from the effects of the scalding the same evening.

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London Stock Market.

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Ah! once I could sing, when my heart was warm. With hopes bright as life's first spring. But the spring hath fled, and the charm Hath gone from the songs I sing.

I have lost the spell that my verse once drew. O'er the souls of the old and young. And the spring hath fled, and the charm Hath gone from the songs I sing.

Why ask a song as I perchance you me? Since my days are so nearly past. That the song you'll hear on this Christmas Eve, Is the old man's best and last.

Do you want the jingle of rhyme and song? Art's sweet but meaningless notes, Or the music of thought that, in the heart of a grand cathedral, floats?

Out of each word, and along each line Into the spirit's ear, Or soothing the heart with a sound as soft As the music of an angel's strain?

Bearing the wings of the soul aloft. From earth and its shadows dim. Soothing the heart with a sound as soft As the music of an angel's strain.

For the few and the true, his song. Evoking the solemnest hopes and fears. From our being's higher part. In the music of an angel's strain.

Do they want a song that is only a song? With no mystical meanings hid. Or the music of an angel's strain. The undertone of a life?

Well, then, I'll sing; though I know Nor the poet's rhymes nor rules— A melody moved from heaven's choir. Not learned from the books or schools.

A music I learned in the days long ago. I cannot tell where or how. But the music of an angel's strain. Back of this wrinkled brow.

And down in my heart I hear it still. Like the echoes of far-off bells. Like the dream of a summer's day. Flowing through fairy dells.

But what shall I sing for the world? Or the music of an angel's strain. And when the words of the old man sing. The world, they tell me, is so giddy and vain.

That though I sing, I move as if dead. And thoughtless minds and shallow souls. Hold empire there;

That fools have prestige, place and fame. And in a show of wisdom, are so vain. That wisdom itself seems a hissing snake. And wise are few?

They tell me, too, that all is venal, vain. And high as the music of an angel's strain. That truth and honor, are the slaves of gold. Can't it be so?

That lofty principle hath long been dead. And in a show of wisdom, are so vain. That virtue walls ashamed, with dross and greed. And the crowd.

They tell me, too, that few they are who love God's law and love; That thousands, living for this earth, Look not above?

That daily, hourly, from the bad to the good. Men tread the path, Basking in God, and careless of the loss Of His love and His grace?

And must I sing for slaves of sorrow? Or to the few? Shall I not dedicate this Christmas Eve, To the few and the true, his song?

Not for the false shall I strike the lyre. Of the lyre that was mute so long. If I sing at all—the gray bird sings. For the few and the true, his song.

And ah! there is many a changed heart. That over the years has grown so vain. Beneath their spell, and in verses rude. Whence comes the stream of pain?

Whether they gladden, or wretched make. He'll sing them as best he can. Though some of the strings of his broken lyre. Who knows how its melody may wane. A Christmas smile or a tear.

So on with the music song. With its meaning words that move a Two thoughts in every tone. In the measured words that move a One meaning shall be heard. Who thought to all be told— But under it all, to all unknown— As soft as under a coffin lid. Deep meanings shall be hid— In the music of an angel's strain. The thought concealed and unexpressed. In the song of the lonely man.

I'm sitting alone in my silent room. This long December night. With the music of an angel's strain. With many a picture bright. Ah! how the fire can pain! Its magic skill how strange! How every spark. Draws figures and forms so queer. And how the pictures change. One moment how they stand. And in less than a little while. In the twinkling of an eye. Like the gleam of a summer's day. The beaming smiles all fade.

From gay to grave—from glad to gloom. The faces change in the windows gray. And just as I wonder who are they. Over them all. Like a funeral pall. The folds of the shadows droop and