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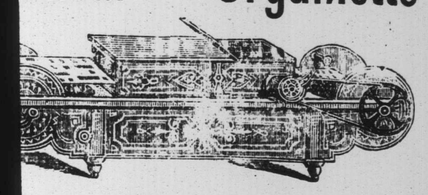

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## DILLONS RELEASE.

LETTER FROM MR DAVITT—RELEASE FOR MANY OTHERS EXPECTED—CONJECTURES ON THE SITUATION.

Speaking of Mr Dillon's release, the Freeman's Journal says:—"We trust this act of justice is as the dawn of the day of liberty to Michael Davitt and to all John Dillon's fellow prisoners. No tenant could celebrate a Land bill victory while the advocate of the tenant lingered in gaol. Mr. Dillon was arrested nominally for a speech at a land league meeting, but really for the determined agitation against the tyranny which the Government itself has had to dethrone."

A LETTER FROM DAVITT.

Mr. Davitt writes as follows from Portland prison, to his sister:—"Since my arrival here my general health has been fairly good. The tonic atmosphere and sea breezes of the island, though somewhat boisterous betimes, is an agreeable contrast to the damp, foggy climate of Dartmoor, of foggy memory, and as I am at the same time subject once more to those favoured disciplinary conditions of life by which health, wealth and wisdom are, at least proverbially, acquired, I am, you see. in want of nothing that goes in making sublunary happiness, if I except, among a few other trifles, those of liberty, the newspaper, and some one to speak to."

MR. DILLON INTERVIEWED.

The unexpected release of Mr. Dillon created almost as much excitement in Dublin to day as his arrest on the 3rd of May last. No reason whatever has been assigned for the step on the part of the Government. Mr. Dillon is not in bad health as was at first reported. The statement that he has been released on this ground turns out to be a mere guess. The imprisoned "suspect" was at his evening meal, when the Governor of Kilmainham visited him and informed him that he was no longer under restraint. In less than twenty minutes Mr. Dillon was driving home. As he passed up Sackville street he did not even stop at the Land League's office, although there were lights in the windows. The news of the release was accidently made public by a reporter who called at an out-of-the-way detectives station but it was not credited until the reporters enquired at Mr. Dillons house and found him in bed. In answer to inquiries he stated that his release was unconditional. He had not the slightest expectation of his imprisonment being so suddenly curtailed.

CONJECTURE IS BUSY

with the motives dictating this step on the part of the Government. Mr. Dillon's well known hostility to the Land bill is more likely to embarrass than to aid the Government in the House at this critical moment, so that it is not at all probable that this singular act of clemency has been exercised in order to obtain his aid and influence in support of the expected opposition to the Lord's amendments when the Bill returns to the commons. It is much more probable that the release is the first of a series which will now take place, and doubtless in a few weeks all the prominent suspects who have been imprisoned on charges analogous to these brought against Mr. Dillon will again be at liberty. The release of the member for Tipperary must necessarily exercise an important influence on the action of the Land league. He was always its most extreme and impulsive leader, and doubtless he will once more take a controlling place in the councils of the organization. No one imagines for a moment that he has during his enforced retirement changed his views with regard to the necessity of carrying on the agitation with, if possible, increased vigour, and in the approaching convention all his influence and power will be exerted to throw new life and power into the conflict. There are those who insinuate that Mr Dillon has been set at liberty in order to rally his forces and

THROW HIS INFLUENCE AGAINST MR. PARNELL,

at the approaching convention, thus creating a schism in the land league ranks which, in the present temper of the country, would be a grave distaster to the country. Whatever cause may be assigned for the step Mr. Dillon will not keep the country long in suspense regarding his intentions. Whatever he considers best to be done he will say or do at once. He will find the conditions of the Irish problem very much changed, and on this altered aspect he will have to set his mind seriously at work. It is not too much to say that on the course which Mr. Dillon may adopt within the next few days will depend the future welfare of the land agitation. The news of the release of the prisoner caused universal rejoicing.

THE RELEASED PRISONER RETICENT.

The *Herald* correspodent saw Mr. Dillon today. While ready to speak on personal matters he did not wish to say anything of a political nature. Mr. Dillon stated that he got on well for the first two months, but in the last two months his health had given away, and caused great uneasiness to his friends, Dr. Kennay and the prison physician both recommended his discharge a week ago; but on Saturday Mr Dillon was informed that the first three months of his confinement had expired and that his term had been extended for three months longer.

## LORD DUFFERIN AND THE SERPEANT COLUMN.

[*Constantinople Correspondence London Times.*]

For the moment, the incident which provokes most curiosity and speculation in the Turkish official world is the expected arrival of Lord Dufferin. What attitude, it is asked, will he adopt toward the Sultan and the Porte? Will he show himself, like Mr Goschen, cold, hard, reserved, severe and stoically insensible to imperial blandishments, or will he display that genial cordiality which has gained for him golden opinions in other spheres of activity? While some official personages were discussing this subject the other day at the Porte they expectedly received from the International Telegraph Department a copy of a telegram bearing lord Dufferin's signature and addressed to Mr. Plunkett, who is acting as Charged affaires. Such telegrams are generally sent in cipher, but the present one was an exception to the rule and was carefully examined, in the hope that it might contain some indication of the future Ambassador's policy. On examination, it was found to be quite as enigmatical as if it had been written in the most ingeniously devised cipher of the Foreign Office, for it simply said, "Take care that the serpent column be not destroyed." As the column stands in the ancient hippodrome and is well known to archæologists and is in no danger of destruction, the telegram was supposed to contain in disguised form some secret political instructions; but no Daniel was found to interpret the mystic words, and so the riddle remains unsolved. One learned scribe, indeed, suggested that his lordship's aim was to indicate his intention of occupying himself during his sojourn in Constantinople with archæological rather than political affairs, and the other personages present, on hearing this explanation, muttered with great fervor, "Insallah, Insallah," which being interpreted, signifies, "God grant that it may be so."

## CREMATING A QUEEN.

The United States consul at Bangkok reports to the State Department under date of March 25th, that the ceremonies incident to the cremation of the late queen and infant child have just terminated after a duration of eleven days. It will be remembered that these royal personages were accidentally drowned in the Menam River on May 31st, 1880. For the two weeks past Bangkok has been thronged with visitors from all parts of the kingdom, during which time the heat had been intense, the small-pox appalling and the dust barely endurable. The preparations for the ceremonies have been more elaborate and expensive than any ever before known in Siam, costing, it is said, $500,000 or more. The exercises consisted of religious rites after the Buddhist faith, processions, races, tournaments, tilting, boxing, wrestling, theatrical Performances games, fireworks &c. Each day the king distributed as gifts among the assembled thousands large numbers of small Siamese gold and silver coins and lottery tickets encased in limes and wooden bells, which were eagerly struggled for alike by rich and poor, bond and free, peer and peasant. On the 13th inst. the remains of the late Queen and Princess were burne in catafalque and procession with great pomp and ceremony from their temporary resting place in the palace to the pramane or cremation building, where they were placed under the funeral pile, On the 19 inst. the King applied the torch and lighted pyre amid the lamentations of wailing women, children and priests. His Majesty was visibly affected, and gave expression to his great sorrow. On the following day the ashes were collected and consigned to the Manam river. The unconsumed bone relics were inurned in golden vessels and deposited with those of the royal family. The diplomatic and consular corps had been specially invited by the King to witness these ceremonies, and throughout the same, attended by the Foreign Minister, they occupied choice positions for comfort and opservation.


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