

## The Weekly Messenger.

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## THE AFFRONT TO ALFONSO.

Spanish public feeling has cooled down a good deal, although demands are still made for the publication by France of the apology tendered by the President to King Alfonso. Some French papers say Spain has had all the satisfaction necessary and that the Government, in demanding more, is simply bidding for the favor of the Legislature, and by persisting may obtain a rebuff from France. General Thibaudin, French Minister of War, was opposed to the reception to the King of Spain in the first place and then was opposed to apologizing for the insults of the mob. He has, however, found the Ministry against his course and resigned his office. This circumstance has had a good effect in Spain, as well as in Germany, as showing that the sober sense of France is not in favor of quarrelling with her neighbors. The Emperor of Germany is said to have sent a note sympathizing with King Alfonso and saying that the insults were aimed at himself far more than at the king. There is an impression in Paris that Germany may exact satisfaction for the insults as well as Spain. A very bad effect has been produced upon English public feeling with regard to France by the whole affair, although it does seem strange that a whole nation should be accounted responsible for the action of a fanatical city mob. It would not be just to lay the smashing of windows, and the frightening to death of a delicate inmate of a convent, by Orangemen in Ireland the other day, to the Protestants of the United Kingdom.

**O'DONNELL'S DEFENCE** against the charge of murdering Carey the informer will be that he killed him in self-defence. Briefly his story is as follows:—He did not suspect who Carey was until he had grown intimate with him on board ship. Carey seemed to suspect O'Donnell's sociality toward him was meant to draw him out. At length Carey asked him in the saloon where his pistol was, saying it made him nervous when he fired at flying fish. O'Donnell told Carey that only a man who has something on his conscience would be afraid of that. Carey's temper and probably terror got the better of him now, and he grappled with O'Donnell, and both drew pistols. "I came from a part of America where people don't want to enquire into a man's intentions when his pistol is against your forehead," said O'Donnell, "and I fired with my right hand. Carey's revolver went off and dropped on the floor. Carey staggered forward to pick up the weapon. Seeing this I fired again. Tom Carey then picked up his father's pistol." Large amounts of money have been contributed in America toward the cost of O'Donnell's defence. Mrs. Carey, widow of the informer, is allowed a pension of twenty-five dollars a week by the British Government. It is said an invincible vengeance committee has been formed in Ireland to hunt down all informers.

**LATEST ACCOUNTS** show that the French have resumed aggressive operations in Tonquin, and with success in every encounter. Statements are conflicting as to the probable action of China—it being said on the one hand that she will resist to the utmost, and on the other that the country is opposed to war and disposed to make very reasonable concessions for peace.

## THE WEEK.

**HOEY**, whose head came off in the guillotine in France the other day for the murder of an old lady and her nurse, left a letter saying eighteen dead bodies were buried in a cellar at a place he mentioned.

**THE BISHOP OF CLONFERT**, Ireland, at a meeting in Loughrea laid great stress upon the statement that millions of Catholics had been lost to the faith in America, and he severely denounced state-aided emigration.

**AT THE CLOSE** of a large political meeting in Belfast, Ireland, at which Sir Stafford Northcote was the principal speaker, the crowd in attendance marched through the streets, singing loyal airs, and, when passing the Liberal newspaper offices, stones were thrown from the ranks, smashing the windows and doing other damage. Sir Stafford in his speech protested against the Parnellites calling themselves the National Party, saying the Conservatives were the true Nationalists. He received a most enthusiastic ovation from the crowd.

**A GANG OF COWBOYS** attacked a train at Coolee, Kansas, on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway, killing the engineer and fatally injuring the fireman. The conductor escaped several shots fired at him, and the express messenger repulsed an attack upon his car. No time was lost in giving chase to the flying bandits, and a desperate fight was anticipated when they would be overtaken.

**A GIRL TAKING A SHRIEKING FIT** in a school in New York city the other day was the cause of a false alarm of fire and a panic throughout the school building, but all the pupils escaped through abundant exits without injury.

**A BIG STRIKE** of weavers at Ashton-under-Lyne, England, was ended by agreement lately, but has been renewed on account of the masters not fulfilling their engagements.

**A WOMAN WHO SET UP** in Toronto, under the name of Madame Hazelton, as a teacher of decorative art, was denounced by a daily paper as a swindler and impostor. She lost no time in instituting an action for \$25,000 damages for libel against the paper, and under cover of that virtuous exploit left for parts unknown with hundreds of dollars obtained in large advance fees from her duped pupils.

**SHAKESPEARE'S BONES** are not to be disturbed, and the dispute as to the fidelity of busts and portraits must be settled otherwise than by comparing them with what may be left of the original. The City Council of Stratford-upon-Avon has condemned the proposition to raise the remains.

**FROM WASHINGTON TERRITORY** it is reported that the smuggling of Chinese into the United States from British Columbia has become a regular and thriving business, and that Victoria, the chief city, has become a rendezvous for Chinese seeking to cross over. Chinese labor is needed on the Pacific coast, and the law to prevent the demand being supplied is unnatural as well as antagonistic to the principle of human rights underlying the American republic. As such it is little wonder that the law is being systematically evaded, although that is to be regretted as an example that may be taken by those opposed to just laws.

**GREEN PLUMS**, of which quantities are sent across the lines from Canada, enter the United States free of duty

**GEORGE KLEIN** was fired at, on his way home from the bank in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and the bullet lodged in the cheque book in his breast pocket where he had placed the book a moment before.

**SEVENTY FIVE LIVES WERE LOST** and a hundred persons injured by a fire that broke out in a theatre during a performance, at Govi Samika, Japan.

**TWICE HAS ONE McLAREN** obtained a verdict of \$100,000 against the Canada Central Railway for the burning of a quantity of lumber at Carleton Place, Ontario, by a spark from an engine. In the Court of Appeals in Toronto the other day the bench of judges was evenly divided upon an appeal made by the Company and the case had to be dismissed. It is, however, to be carried to the Supreme Court of Canada.

**AT THEIR HALF-YEARLY CONVENTION**, in Salt Lake City, recently, the Mormons through their leaders expressed defiance toward the national authority. One of the new apostles "put his foot in it" badly, when he expressed utter contempt for Mormons who had put away their wives after the passage of the Edmunds law. He evidently did not know that President Taylor, the head of the Church, was the first to send his wives away when the terror of that law came upon the Mormon dominion. The President reinstated his spouses when it was decided to test the constitutionality of the law.

**IN A RECENT SPEECH** to Italian Pilgrims the Pope bewailed the "conspiracy of sects" that succeeded in reducing the Papacy to its present feeble position temporarily. He strongly urged all patriotic and religious forces to unite and show themselves openly as Catholics, and to desire above all things to restore the Pope to liberty and independence. During the Pope's address some of the pilgrims vented their feelings in such cries as, "Long live the Pope the King," and, "Down with King Humbert."

**A FIRE AT THE BELVUE GARDENS**, London, caused by an accidental discharge of rockets, destroyed a panorama of the battle of Tel-el-Kebr and entailed a loss of \$150,000.

**ONE OF THE GREELY RELIEF EXPEDITION** has charged the crew of the "Proteus" with being regular pirates, who stole everything they could get hold of when the vessel went down, and got roaring drunk within an hour upon the liquor. There were twenty-three of them, supplied with a gun apiece, while Lieutenant Garlington's men numbered only eight with two guns, so that Captain Pike and the mate, his son, had no control over the barbarous fellows. The former is reported as saying to Lieutenant Garlington, "You've got a lot men but I've got a lot of dirty dogs, who are too mean to live." It was the opinion of this informant that if the party had stayed at Littleton Island for the winter and food became scarce, the lives of the rest of them would not have been safe with such men. Said he, those sailors were the greatest cowards I ever saw. When there was danger they would pray and do nothing; when they could not steal they would beg."

**A PETITION** a hundred feet long and bearing over five thousand names, the signatures of most of the business men in the towns and cities between Montreal and Toronto, was presented to the Postmaster-General of Canada a few days ago by the Rev. Finlay McQuaig, of Kingston, its prayer being directed against the Sunday mail service.

**A WOMEN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE** was formally opened at Kingston, Ontario, on the second of this month, being the first to be established in Canada.

**THE GOVERNMENT OF NOVA SCOTIA** has taken possession, paying its cost, of the Eastern Extension Railway, running from the Intercolonial at New Glasgow to the Strait of Canso, that separates the Island of Cape Breton from the mainland. It is also about to assume possession of the branch of the Intercolonial joined by the above line, extending from Truro to Pictou, which is a gift from the Dominion Government by way of subsidy to railway extension in the eastern part of the Province. A company to take over these and the other railways in the Province to manage in one system, and to build necessary new lines, is being sought by the Provincial Government.

**SO FAR THE PROTESTANTS** of Lakeville, Connecticut, have been baffled in their opposition to their Roman Catholic townsmen's action in setting up a crucifix in front of their church on the roadside. They intended to have introduced resolutions at the town meeting the other day, calling upon the town officers to remove the object as a nuisance, but the Catholic voters outnumbered them two to one and the resolution was withheld.

**THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LEGISLATURE** declines to join the movement of the sister colonies to procure the annexation of New Guinea and the Pacific Islands.

**FIFTEEN THOUSAND WORKMEN** in iron and steel in Glamorganshire, Wales, and Monmouthshire, England, are on strike against reduced wages, and the employers say their only alternative was to close the works or lower the wages.

**KING HUMBERT** and several of his Ministers and many members of the Legislature a few days ago viewed at Alessandria the unveiling of a monument commemorating the deeds of Urbani Rattazzi, a compatriot of General Garibaldi who died in 1873. Great enthusiasm was shown by the people over the event. Royalty has as much call to be grateful to the Italian patriots as the commonalty, for the liberty of kings as much as of the people was won by their struggles.

**REFULSIVE AS ARE ITS DUTIES** the office of hangman in Great Britain had hundreds of seekers when Marwood, who held it since the death of the veteran Caicraft a few years ago, recently died. Bartholomew Burns, a railway platelayer, has been chosen.

**MEMBERS OF THE SALVATION ARMY** tried in Geneva, Switzerland, for disturbing the peace, pleaded that they only obeyed their consciences. Notwithstanding a demand of the public prosecutor that they should be sentenced according to law, the prisoners were acquitted. If as much zeal were displayed in suppressing disturbances of the peace from the liquor traffic as in stamping out the peculiar methods used by the Salvation Army to save victims of that prime source of disturbance, some cities, where the Salvationists are alternately harassed by the mob and prosecuted by the authorities, would soon be wonderfully transformed for the better in respect to order and peaceableness. Two thousand persons assembled at Neuchâtel, Switzerland, and demanded by resolution the expulsion of the English Salvationists. A Councillor of State said the Council would do its duty and close the gates of Switzerland to those who were trading upon her hospitality.

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