GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

A Steamship Founders and Twelve Lives Lost.

DISASTER ON A RUSSIAN RAILWAY.

Indications of a Better Feeling Between Germany and Russia.

A FAMILY ASPHYXIATED.

Count Herbert Bismarck Advises the Bulgarians to Reach an Understanding with Russia.

London, Dec. 20, midnight.

Six Lives Lost.

Six persons were killed by a boiler explosion in the town of Locco, Lombardy, to-day.

Shipwreck and Loss of Life.

The steamship Llanelly, sailing from Liverpool, has foundered at Holyhead. Twelve persons were drowned.

Russian Railway Disaster.

A terrible railway collision occurred at Charkow, Russia, on Saturday, resulting in the killing of 13 persons and the injuring of 30 others.

Herbert Bismarck's Advice.

Count Herbert Bismarck, at the reception of the Bulgarian deputation yesterday, advised the Bulgarians to reach an understanding with Russia.

Disappointment.

The report that Count Herbert Bismarck has advised the Bulgarian delegates to accept Prince Nicholas of Mingrelia as ruler of Bulgaria is a great disappointment at Sofia.

A Family Asphyxiated.

A family consisting of six children and their parents were asphyxiated by escaping gas last night at Carrick-on-Suir, county Tipperary, Ireland. Five children were dead when found. The other child and the parents were still alive, but they cannot survive.

Madagascar.

The Paris *Temps* says the Hova Government has cancelled its contract with an English company, under which the company was to be allowed to collect customs and coin money in return for a loan of £800 000, but has signed a convention with the Comptoir D'Escompte for a loan of £600,000, giving that concern as security the right to collect customs at six ports in Madagascar. Four hundred thousands pounds of the loan will be devoted to paying the war indemnity demanded by France.

Germany and Russia.

The *North German Gazette* welcomes the indications of a better feeling between Russia and Germany as shown in the recent article in the St. Petersburg *Messenger*. The two nations, says the *Gazette*, recognize that there are permanent binding interests common to both. The *Gazette* attributes the press bitterness to the influence of partisans of a policy of revenge against France. It says concord among the European powers is regarded as inconvenient from the English point of view, and that for the Poles was against Russia seems the first necessity. The *Gazette* rejoices that the *Messenger* recognizes that the German policy is ever directed towards peace with unshaken confidence in the wisdom and firmness of the Czar.

Cable Notes.

A Berlin despatch to the *Standard* says Prince Bismarck is again indisposed.

The Bulgarian delegates started for Paris and will go to London next week.

It is reported at Berne that the Swiss Government's military steps are due to a note from Germany asking the Government whether Switzerland is in a position to defend her frontiers better than she was in 1870.

THE FALL OF KHARTOUM.

El Mahdi's Account of the Capture of the city and the Massacre of Gordon and His Troops.

London, December 21.—There has just been received through Sir John Kirk, British Consul-General to Zanzibar, the following copy of a letter from the Mahdi to his Governor-General of Equatorial Africa, giving details of the capture of Khartoum. The letter is dated April 28, 1885:—

"I inform you, my dear friend, that according to the fulfilled promise of God the city of Khartoum was entered by the help of God January 29, 1885, at daybreak, through the helpers of our religion, who were ready and jumped over ditches, acting upon command of the Lord, who rules the whole world. It was in quarter of an hour or less that they came upon the enemies of the Lord, there cutting them off even from the beginning to the end of them. Notwithstanding they were strong with their arms of strength, they fled away before the troops of God, though, thinking to obtain safety by entering their enclosures and shutting doors, they were met face to face and hewn with swords and stabbed with spears until their cries were terrible. They were cut in pieces at once there upon the ground. Then the troops of God fell upon the rest of the people, who had shut their doors, fearing a like fate. They were taken up and killed properly. None were left but little children and slaves; but as to the enemy of God (Gordon) though we had warned him and talked kindly to him that he might return to God, yet he never did so, because his miserable state was foreordained by God. Because of his foolishness he was removed by God to the place of his wrath, which is a bad place to remain in. The end of this guilty people is that they were cut off, which, thanks be to God, befalls those who are to receive fire as their reward, while light is reserved for those who shall receive heaven as their dwelling place. There were ten persons only who were killed in this holy strife for Khartoum. The rest of our people received neither wound nor hurt. All has happened by the Providence of God, and we bow our heads in thanks to God for the help received from Him. May you also do so—bow your heads to God and thank His holy name."

This letter is sealed by the Mahdi, and was the first information that Emir Pacha had of Gordon's death and the fall of Khartoum. In fact, it is the first official information England has received of Gordon's death.

SHIPPING.

Date.	Steamships.	Reported at.	From
Dec. 18	Britannic	New York	Liverpool
"	City of Berlin	"	"
"	Aurania	"	"
"	La Champagne	"	Havre
"	Ems	Southampton	New York
"	Rhaetia	Plymouth	"
"	La Gascogne	Havre	"

THE ANTI-RENT AGITATION.

How Three Nationalist M P's Hoodwinked the Police.

Mr. Parnell Ill—Wm. Redmond Summoned to Answer a Charge of Conspiracy—Father Fahey Released.

Dublin, Dec. 20.—Joseph Richard Cox, Jeremiah Jordan and Joseph Edward Kenny, Parnellite members for East and West Clare and South Cork respectively, succeeded yesterday in totally hoodwinking the police and in collecting and escaping with all rents due from tenants on the Vandeleur estates in County Clare. They went to Kilrush on Friday. It was known to the police that they went there to act as trustees under the "plan of campaign" to collect from tenants of the Vandeleur estates, the reduced rents refused by the proprietors. The authorities, however, could not ascertain the nature of the arrangements to be carried out between the tenants and trustees, and were led to believe that the tenants were to assemble at Kilrush on Sunday and hand in rents. The police accordingly were kept on the alert, and were instructed to watch for the arrival of the tenants, and to arrest the trustees and secure the money when it had all been handed in. The trustees, after having put the police on this tack, appointed three places of rendezvous outside the town of Kilrush, and managed to have all rebellious tenants instructed to go to proper places. On Sunday it snowed very hard in Kilrush. The trustees left their hotel separately, went each to his appointed rendezvous, collected the rents, returned unobserved by the police, and closed up their business without attracting any suspicion on the part of the authorities, who continued to watch for assembling of tenants at Kilrush, and finally concluded that either the vigor of the police arrangements or the severity of the storm had prevented the plan from being carried out. As a result the trustees were enabled to get away unnoticed with all rents, and some of the County Clare authorities are yet in doubt as to whether the Vandeleur rents were certainly collected yesterday or whether this statement that they were is not part of the stratagem to throw the police off their guard against postponed collection.

PARNELL ILL.

Mr. Parnell is at the Euston Station Hotel, London. He is ill, and confined to his room. He is unable to receive visitors, and is obliged to avoid the transaction of business, and is even prohibited by his physicians from taking any part in political discussion.

REDMOND SUMMONED.

William Redmond, Parnellite member of the House of Commons for North Fermanagh, was to day served with a summons to answer a charge of conspiracy for serving as trustee of rents under the "plan of campaign."

FATHER FAHY RELEASED.

Father Fahy, who early in September was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for refusing to give bail for his good behavior, was to-day released unconditionally from the Galway jail. Father Fahy interceded with a land agent named Lewis for a number of tenants who were threatened with eviction, and Lewis accused him of having threatened his life. The magistrates ordered Father Fahy to give bail for his good behavior or go to jail. He refused to furnish bail, for the reason that it would be regarded as an admission that the charge against him was true. He was accordingly imprisoned. The priest met with an ovation on his release. The city of Galway was illuminated to-night in his honor.

London, Dec. 21.—Mr. Gladstone, in a letter to Prof. James Stuart, M.P., says he thinks the Home Rule measures are Conservative in the truest sense of the term. He adds that if he can help in some measure to settle the affairs of Ireland he will confer upon Great Britain a service greater than any he has as yet wrought.

HEALY AS COUNSEL.

Mr. Healey will represent Dillon, Redmond, Crilly and Harris at their trial at Dublin on Thursday next, when they will be called upon to answer to the charge of conspiracy in receiving as tenants' trustees reduced rents which had been refused by landlords.

CHANCE'S CHARGES.

P. A. Chance, Nationalist member of Parliament for South Kilkenny, writing to a prominent Nationalist concerning the arrests and seizures at Loughrea, charges the Executive with conspiracy, false imprisonment, assault and battery, trespass and robbery.

UNABLE TO AGREE.

In the hearing of Inspector Milling's summons against Messrs. Tanner and O'Connor, at Dublin yesterday, the magistrates were unable to reach an agreement.

STILL AT WORK.

League journals claim that trustees are still collecting rents of tenants and evading the police.

PRECAUTIONS.

The Leaguers are taking precautions to prevent another coup like that at Loughrea. In some instances they are secretly appointing fresh trustees.

PROCEEDINGS ABANDONED.

Proceedings against David Sheeby, Parnellite member of Parliament for South Galway, for accepting rents as trustee under the "plan of campaign," at Templemore, County Tipperary, have been abandoned.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Prescott Conservatives have taken action that will punish the Reformers thoroughly for their bad faith. They have nominated Mr. Philip Gareau, president of the Liberal-Conservative Association of that county. This destroys the Reform candidate's last chance, and places Mr. Evanturel in the position of having to fight for all he is worth. Mr Philip Gareau is an old resident of the county, and will split the French-Canadian vote very badly, while he will poll the full English Conservative vote. The Reformers at the last election only elected Mr. Hagar by the aid of the English Conservatives. That vote is now withdrawn, and their present candidate, Mr. Mallcy, is practically out of the contest unless they can destroy Mr. Evanturel, and that contingency would simply ensure the election of Mr. Gareau. The predicament is one of their own creation, and arises from their own bad faith. *La Canada* repudiates Mr. Evanturel and calls upon all French-Canadians to support Mr. Gareau.

At the Liberal-Conservative convention for Grenville on Saturday, after the first ballot, the late member for the South Riding, Mr. F. J. French, was unanimously declared the choice of the convention. Nearly two hundred delegates were present.

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ENDED AT LAST.

Close of the Campbell Divorce Case—The Judge's Charge—A Verdict that Neither Lord nor Lady Campbell are Guilty of Adultery—Gen. Butler's Conduct Censured.

London, Dec. 20.—Sir Charles Russell concluded his argument for Lady Colin Campbell in her divorce suit against her husband to-day.

The Judge proceeded at once to sum up the case. He said Lord Colin Campbell denied his wife's charge of infidelity, which depended chiefly on the testimony of Lady Miles. Whatever might be said against Lady Miles by the defence, it must be admitted that she was until lately Lord Colin's friend; that she had done all in her power to discourage the bringing of the action against him, and that she only took Lady Colin's part when she became convinced that unjust charges were to be brought against that lady. The testimony given by the doctors that Mary Watson was *virgo intacta* did not negative the testimony of Lady Miles that she saw Lord Colin and the girl in such a position as to warrant the belief that the pair were guilty. Suspicion, however, the Judge said, was insufficient. If adultery was not proved as a fact the jury were bound to find as a fact that Lord Colin was innocent. At the last trial, in which Lady Colin secured a decree of separation, it was shown that Lord Colin had given plaintiff a disease in such a manner as to amount to the cruelty which he alleged as the basis of her petition for separation. In the present case the evidence against Lady Colin depended on what the family servants said. This should be received with suspicion. In regard to the Purfleet incident the Judge said there were so many important examples of mistaken identity that the jury would be compelled to carefully consider whether sufficient evidence has been adduced to reliably establish the statement that the lady who was there with the Duke of Marlborough was Lady Colin Campbell. Referring to allegations concerning Lady Colin's conduct at Leigh Court, the Judge said they depended again on stories told by servants, and principally on those told by Rose Baer. Her own fellows describe her as a chatterer, and she had contradicted herself, and other witnesses had contradicted her on important points. She at first swore that the Duke of Marlborough and Lady Colin occupied the same apartment for an entire week at Leigh Court, and afterward she testified that the Duke of Marlborough was at Leigh Court only two nights. The Judge declared he believed Rose Baer has invented the story about Lady Colin and the Duke of Marlborough sitting together like lovers on a bench in the Paddington Station. Lord Colin's conduct towards his wife while she was in Paris, on the occasion when he telegraphed the Paris police to arrest her and lodge her in a prison for fallen women, Justice Butt characterized as outrageous, remarking that he never had known of anything more dishonest than Lord Colin's allegation to the Paris officials that his wife was living in open adultery with one of the co-respondents, and should be arrested and treated as a common woman of the town. The story told by the man servant, O'Neill, that he once saw through the keyhole of the door of the dining room at Cadogan Place, Chief Shaw and Lady Colin in a compromising situation, the judge said he could not regard with favor. The jury must consider whether O'Neill's letter to Lady Colin, after his discharge by her, seeking employment, was not an attempt at blackmail, and the jury should further consider the question whether Chief Shaw's testimony in denial, as the statement of a distinguished public official, was not worth as much, if not more, than the statement of such a person as O'Neill. Gen. Butler, the Court thought, should have come into Court and given testimony as to his innocence; but so long as he chose to remain away there was no power in England to compel him to come. It would, however, the Judge said, be impossible to exaggerate the meanness exhibited by Gen. Butler, if he was innocent, in remaining away from the court, because in so doing he deserted Lady Colin. But the Judge told the jury they must not take Gen. Butler's evidence of guilt on either his or Lady Colin's part. Replying to a question of a juryman, the Judge said that Gen. Butler was beyond the jurisdiction of the court, and that a subpœna could not compel him to attend and testify, because, being made a co-respondent, he was protected by the clause of the law which makes it impossible to ask an incriminating question, unless the witness was a voluntary one.

The case was then given to the jury and they retired. After a short absence they returned and reported that they could not agree upon a verdict. The disagreement of the jury was not final. They retired to reconsider the case, and returned at ten o'clock with a verdict that Lord Colin Campbell had not committed adultery, and that Lady Colin Campbell had not committed adultery with any of the co-respondents. The jury added a rider, that the conduct of General Butler was unworthy of a gentleman and an officer, and had caused the only difficulty which the jury experienced in reaching a decision. The announcement of the verdict was received with applause.

FORMALLY DISMISSED.

London, Dec. 21.—Judge Butt this morning formally dismissed the petitions for divorce presented by Lady Colin and Lord Colin Campbell, in view of the verdict rendered by the jury yesterday. The Judge granted Lady Colin £150 costs in her suit against her husband, and full costs of her defence against her husband's suit. He also granted full costs to the Duke of Marlborough, Chief Shaw and Dr. Bird, the co-respondents in Lord Colin's suit against his wife. Gen. Butler, another co-respondent, did not apply for costs.

PRESS COMMENTS.

The London newspapers, in their comments on the Campbell trial, express the opinion that although the verdict is unsatisfactory the jury could have come to no other conclusion, and that the case shows the necessity of an alteration of the divorce proceedings in the direction of Camera trials.

F. X. Archambault, attorney for plaintiff, and Hon. Mr. Laflamme, attorney for the defendant, in the case Zelie Mercier vs. Rev. Father Lynch. Both appeared before Judge Papineau at Montreal, when it was admitted by Mr. Archambault that he had not sufficient proof to sustain the serious allegations set forth in his client's declaration, and was consequently willing that the action be dismissed. Judgment was at once rendered accordingly.

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The Candidates for West Lambton, on the Same Platform.

Petrolia, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Hon. Mr Pardee addressed a large meeting in the Oil Exchange here to night. He arrived at noon and was met by Mr. J. H. Fairbank, M.P.P., Mr. C Jenkins and Mr. C. Colter. The meeting commenced at three o'clock and Mr. C. Jenkins was selected Chairman.

Mr Pardee spoke about two hours on the different questions of the day, and claimed that Mr. Wright, his opponent, had been bidden by the Dominion Government to come up and defeat him; also that the Alpha Oil Company, of Sarnia, was using their best endeavors to return Mr. Wright to Parliament, claiming that the Alpha Oil Company have, as their objection to him (Mr. Pardee), a bitter feeling simply because Mr. Mowat some time ago objected to give the said Oil Company a charter of five million dollars. Mr. Pardee accused Mr. Wright of being a paid officer of the Government and accepting $1,400 from the said Government in regard to the Antwerp Exhibition. Mr. Pardee spoke on the timber question, the school book monopoly and other matters, and then resumed his seat. He was followed by

Mr. Wright, who completely brought down the house. Mr. Wright denied positively that he was paid by the Government, and declared that the Alpha Oil Co., of Sarnia, had nothing whatever to do with his becoming a candidate for West Lambton. He explained his position in regard to the Knights of Labor, and why he did not accept the first nomination. He completely disposed of all Mr. Pardee's attacks to the satisfaction of the large audience, and resumed his seat amid thundering applause.

Mr. Pardee replied, and was followed by Mr. J. H. Fairbank.

The meeting adjourned with the usual cheers.

The Labor Movement in the States.

New York, Dec. 19.—The *Sun* to-day devotes nearly a page to the publication of reports from leading cities of the country concerning the labor movement. It thus summarizes the situation:—From 27 places, embracing the largest cities in this country and principal manufacturing States, the *Sun* to-day presents a brief synopsis of the course of the labor movement during the past year. The results, as a rule, will be found to be very similar. In few places has the labor movement really succeeded, in few has it really failed. In most it has met with varying success, winning many small strikes, but losing the great strikes on which so much depended. The labor Unions seem to have emerged from the year's work more triumphantly than the K. of L. The latter organization is everywhere admitted to have increased in numbers, but almost everywhere comes the suggestion that the influence of the Order has not increased proportionately.

Died at the age of 136 Years.

St Louis, Dec. 19.—A letter from Sasakawa, Semipole Nation, Indian Territory, gives an account of the death there on the 5th inst. of Mrs. Susannah Warren Serapis, the oldest person in the United States, if not in the world. She was born in the old town of St. Augustine, Fla., in 1750. She was born a slave and was the property of a Spanish master until 1818, when she, with other Spanish slaves, fled from Pensacola when it was taken by Gen. Jackson. She lived in the Seminole country from then until the second treaty of peace with the Seminoles, when she was regarded as their common property, and was removed with them to the Indian Territory. She leaves one daughter, living in Austin, Tex., and who is in her 97th year. She leaves many grand children here—some of them nearly seventy years of age.

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